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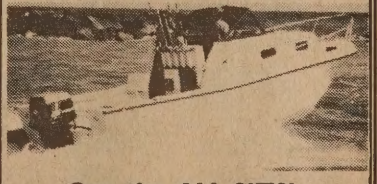

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DEVASTATION OF ROEMER SHOAL THREATENED BY DREDGING

If the New Jersey Turnpike Authority is allowed to carry out its plans, the famous bottom formation in the New York Bight known as Roemer Shoal will soon be more accurately described as Roemer Hole. It seems that the N.J.T.A. has some major road building project in the works and needs a massive amount of landfill. So it made a permit application for dredging the fill to the Army Corps of Engineers, and the Corps in turn sent out the required public notices so that members of the public could comment on the project, which is standard procedure. After a required period of time the Army Corps routinely granted the permit, having received no objections to the permit application.

The problem was that the location of where the proposed dredging was to take place was given in the application in longitude and latitude coordinates (degrees, minutes, etc.) and not by its common name. If the notice had said Roemer Shoal there surely would have been many objections from both recreational fishermen and environmentalists. But as it was,, not an objecting word was raised. We were alerted to the situation by Tony Taormina of the New York Department of Environmental Conservation, who we thank for being concerned and bringing the matter to our attention. Taormina said that New York does not routinely review permit applications made in New Jersey for a variety of reasons, which we can understand. Just keeping up with what the Army Corps of Engineers is up to in our own state is a massive project. But Roemer Shoal is in New Jersey waters, and our own D.E.C. usually relies on its counterpart in New Jersey to stop projects such as these before they get off the ground. Unfortunately, in this case, it seems that someone in the Garden State dropped the ball.

The project is massive in both size and scope. With a scheduled starting date of November 1st, the project will take until June of 1982 to complete. During this period of time the New Jersey Turnpike Authority will dredge some 2.5 million cubic yards of fill from Roemer Shoals to a depth of **minus** forty-five feet. In other words, where the depth is now 45 feet, after dredging it will be 90 feet; where it is presently 30 feet, the new depth will be 75, etc. At the present time Roemer Shoal is a massive bottom formation rich with marine life and finfish that rises at some points to within fifteen feet of the surface. Traditionally, when striped bass were more abundant, Roemer was known as a hot bass spot. And this summer the fluke fishing at Roemer Shoal was not only the best in the New york Bight, but the best on Long Island—surpassing such great areas as Montauk and the south shore inlets. The abundant marine life of the shoal also attracted a good population of other bottom feeding species such as blackfish, porgies and seabass, and at times provided some excellent diamond jigging for giant weakfish and blues. If the proposed dredging is allowed to take place, Roemer Shoal will indeed become Roemer Hole, devoid of marine life and finfish, and yet another area of "dead" bottom in the New York Bight.

This is not the first time that areas of the New York Bight have been dredged for fill to the detriment of our marine environment and recreational fishing. Although time hasn't allowed us to research it at this point, we were told by Capt. Ronnie Lepper of the charterboat "Kim" out of Atlantic Beach that about seven or eight years ago some dredging was done at Roemer, destroying the excellent bass fishing at the time. And Capt. Tom Marconi of the open boat "Pilot II" out of Sheepshead Bay said that about six or seven years ago there was extensive dredging done off Coney Island that left eighty-foot holes in the bottom that to this day are completely devoid of marine life of any type. We can only wonder if the Army Corps of Engineers looked into these past episodes of dredging in the New York Bight and the effect it had on the marine environment before granting the permit for such extensive dredging at Roemer.

There's no question that New York Bight fishermen have a lot to lose if such a productive bottom formation as Roemer Shoal is allowed to be destroyed. It is heavily fished by the huge fleet of open boats sailing out of Sheepshead Bay, only a short half-hour ride away. Jersey based boats also fish it heavily, as do the many open and charter boats sailing out of Freeport and thousands of privately owned vessels. But even it you have never fished a single day at Roemer Shoal, you still have a stake in its future. Because if any government agency or private enterprise is permitted to destroy such a prime recreational fishing ground as Roemer Shoal with impunity, then others can surely follow. Today it is Roemer Shoal—tomorrow it may just as well be the newly-discovered Outer Banks of Patchogue. Or the Cholera Banks. Or the Cartwright Grounds. So the future of Roemer may actually be the future of fishing all around Long Island.

Fortunately, there is still hope that this project may be aborted and Roemer Shoals may be saved, but it is going to take some effort on all our parts. Tony Taormina told us that he has contacted the Army Corps of Engineers and informed them of the importance of the area to New York State's recreational fishing industry. Taormina said that the Corps indicated to him that it would consider rescinding the permit, but the D.E.C. would have to document its claims. In order to do this, Taormina said that he will need letters from open and charter boat captains, as well as individual fishermen, stating the importance and quality of the fishing at Roemer Shoals. Letters from fishing clubs and organizations would also be very helpful. So sit down right now and send a letter or mailgram today to the following address:

Mr. Anthony Taormina
Department of Environmental Conservation
Building 40, State University of New York
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We would be remiss if we were not to give the New Jersey Turnpike Authority an alternate location where it can obtain the fill it needs for its project. Our recommendation: Instead of dredging Roemer Shoal to a depth of minus forty-five feet, how about dredging to a depth of minus five feet those areas of the bottom in the New York Bight that have been covered with sludge?

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BLUEFIN TUNA—INTENT TO PREPARE ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT

Allen Peterson, Northeast Regional Director of the National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS), announces that on Wednesday, October 31, 1979, a public meeting will be held at the National Wildlife Federation, 1412 16th Street NW, Washington, D.C., to help determine the scope of an Environmental Impact Statement being prepared for Atlantic bluefin tuna. The meeting will begin promptly at 2 p.m.

The NMFS is considering several changes in the present regulations that are considered of significant nature. First, there is a need to discuss options for individual catch allocations for purse seine vessels. Several such options will be presented by the NMFS at the public meeting. Second, there exists a need to establish various categories of fishing vessels or catch rates within the handgear fishery (rod and reel, handline, harpoon) for giant-size tuna (those tuna weighing 300 pounds or more) within the Gulf of Maine area. Thirdly, the NMFS is considering the institution of a scientific tag and release program for school-size tuna (those tuna weighing between 14 and 115 pounds) at least three weeks prior to the opening of the purse seine fishery for this size tuna. There is a need to discuss options for ensuring the success of this scientific effort.

All persons interested in bluefin tuna are invited to the public meeting and asked to comment on issues important to the preparation of an Environmental Impact Statement for the management of the Atlantic bluefin tuna fishery. For those who cannot attend in person, written comments can be submitted. They must be received, however, on or before November 2, 1979. They should be addressed to Mr. Allen E. Peterson, Regional Director, Federal Building, 14 Elm Street, Gloucester, Massachusetts 01930.

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IN MEMORIAM

It is with my deepest regrets that I must inform the readers of this magazine that Helen Groll, a frequent contributor to the Captain's Table column in the Fisherman, passed away on October 20, 1979 at the age of 32. The cause of death was a cerebral aneurysm, a blood vessel bursting in the brain.

Helen's column dealing with the care, preparation, and cooking of fish, graced the pages of The Fisherman for over a year and a half. Apart from this Helen was a free-lance writer whose many articles dealing with gourmet cooking and nutrition, appeared in many publications including the well-known gourmet magazine, "Bon Appetit". She was the author of a book titled, "Bread; Fun and Foolproof" which is due to be released soon by Northwoods Press. At her untimely passing, she had a book in the planning stages with Simon and Schuster; the book was to have dealt with all forms of fish cookery. No one on the staff of the Fisherman ever had the pleasure of meeting Helen personally, but the warm and witty way in which she expressed herself over the telephone endeared her to all. Though not much of a fisherperson herself, Helen was surrounded by friends and relatives [myself included] who are all devoted anglers and who constantly kept her supplied with fish which she transformed into the most delectable concoctions.

Aside from her writing and cooking skills, Helen was an extremely intelligent, warm and kindhearted individual who always found the time to lend a hand to anyone who had a problem. Countless were the times when she would drop everything to type one of my articles that was due the week before, she was equally good willed to everyone she knew. As a close friend, her passing leaves me empty. She will be sorely missed by the staff of The Fisherman and by all her many friends.

Helen was born in Queens to Annetta and John Fank on December 21, 1946. She grew up in the Bronx, but resided in Brooklyn for the last 10 years of her life. She is survived by her mother, Mrs. Annetta Fank, her brothers Jeri and Jack, and her daughter Carol Groll. May the Lord be with you Helen. Your friend, SAL TERRANOVA

FISH TALK with Dr. William A. Muller

READER'S CORNER II

A HEAVY MAILBAG! Thanks to all of you who responded to earlier columns. So many of you offered interesting and valuable points of view that we just couldn't cover everything in last week's issue; so we'll continue where we left off last week.

JOHN KELBAR OF STATEN ISLAND wrote in response to a column in September in which I offered the point of view that sport fishermen have been taken for granted and pushed around in terms of representation on the 200-Mile Limit councils. "When Al Ristori and the other few brave men started to fight for the 200-Mile Limit, I was behind them. I wrote letters to my Congressman, donated cash, and tried to recruit my fellow fishermen to do the same. Unfortunately, fishermen did not respond in the way they should have. When Al (Ristori) had a meeting in New Jersey on sharks and billfish management, the head count was about seven or eight fishermen; what a disgrace! Well now, Al Ristori has been thrown out and I may be wrong (usually am), but sport fishermen have been given the kiss of death by his loss and they don't know it yet. This is a subject I could go on for days with, but since I enjoy myself fishing even though I don't do well, let the commercials take everything. When, and only when, the commercial fishermen have trouble (catching fish) will there be any action. God bless the commercial fishermen because they have the guts to be organized and let the sport fishermen (at least they think so) go to hell." John's frustration is mirrored by many of us and in the last sentence it shows. But John has the guts to stand up and be counted; he tells the truth. But we have been conditioned by years of neglect and indifference when fisheries people and government believed that there was no need to regulate saltwater fishing and that the sea would always give up an endless harvest of finfish. Today, we know all too well that this isn't the case. Sure, the commercial fishermen are organized and, therefore, they can have their point of view expressed. Hang in there, John! More and more of your brothers are rallying to the front. They are coming from every coastal state and every walk of life and they are fed up with neglect. The future will see a tidal wave in sport fishing that will demand the abandonment of the inshore fishing grounds by commercial fishermen and then these grounds will be for the sport fishermen who will be recognized in his own right as an important and powerful economic and political force.

TRUDY LESTER OF ISLAND PARK ASKS, which is the best way to sharpen a hook. "I would like to settle a long-standing argument with my husband. Recently, we started going through our tackle getting ready for the cod season. When I found the rigs, I volunteered to sharpen the hooks and he said okay, but only if I sharpen them his way—not mine! Well, that opened up a kettle of fish that has been simmering for a long time. Well, since I love the guy I suggested that we let you settle the issue. Please, for the sake of our fishing and our marraige of twenty years, will you tell us which way is better? Should we sharpen by triangulating or by honing to a round point?" Wait a minute! I'm not too sure that I want to be in the middle of a domestic dispute. No matter which answer I pick somebody will hate me, so I can't win. Well, I don't know these folks and don't know who lines up with which theory, so that at least no one can accuse me of favoritism, chauvinism, or whatever! I think that hook sharpening is probably another one of those things for which many theories and approaches work. Now, I'm not saying that in order to get out of a sticky situation, although I think it does that too; but, honestly, I believe it's true. It seems to me that how you sharpen your hooks is not as important as that they are regularly sharpened to a needle point. I have always sharpened my hooks with a jeweler's file to a round point and I stroke in only one direction: towards the point. Now, one surf fisherman I know strokes the point up and down and all around. I'm afraid that the down stroke may dull a sharp point, but he swears by his method. There are those who like to triangulate the point, but then others argue that the hook cannot penetrate as well. However, from my perspective I believe that a sharp point will grab flesh and thus allow the angler to sink the hook. I believe that this is an important point. The hook cannot sink itself: either the fish or the fisherman must sink it. Sometimes, a fish will hit so hard that the impact drives the point home; while at other times, the fisherman must come up hard after a strike by raising the rod tip with a solid thrust. Further, I believe that with modern Fiberglas rods and stretchy monofilament that it is very difficult for a fish to set the hook through the force generated on the hit. Thus, I believe that it is important for the fisherman to sink the hook. The bigger the fish and the larger the hooks, the more thrust must be applied. I see too many fishermen who are too careful with a fish and they never sink the hook. Thus, if the fish jumps or turns, the hook can pull free and the fish has its freedom. Sharp hooks do two things for the fisherman, as I see through my own experience. First, an ultra-sharp hook (mine are so sharp that I have trouble getting them out of the bag or box without impaling myself) grabs a fish when it hits the bait or artificial. Since inevitably there will be a split second delay between the hit and the reaction of the fisherman, it is important for the hooks to be sharp so that the flesh is impaled in the same way that my fingers get caught when I go to get the hook. Now, when I come up with the rod tip I sink it. Secondly, sharp hooks will penetrate deeper and faster, thus ensuring more accurate and secure hookups. Sorry Trudy, I don't think that I can solve your argument, but I can applaud both of you for your angling skill. Sharp hooks are a sign that the fisherman pays attention to detail and such fisherfolk are usually good at it!

MORE FROM ANDY! Last week we handled one of Andy Regina's trick questions and I think we did pretty well. So this week, Andy gets another shot at me. "Why do fish strike different lures? Some look like baitfish, some make sound, and some even have smell; while other lures neither look like anything that lives in the sea and others neither emit scent nor create sound." Notice how Andy manipulates that question into so many parts that I'm sure to stumble here and there? This is yet another question that can be answered in one, or one million words. Actually, this is one case where I have a number of very definite opinions and I am eager to tackle the question. I'm sure that in my eagerness I'll fall flat on my ----face! I believe that fish hit lures for a variety of reasons depending upon key circumstances such as season, the type of prey available, and abundance of food. Fish also hit lures out of irritation and although some might argue that point, I have been a witness to this type of fish behavior on more than one occasion. Because the habits and reactions of fish are so variable, there is no such thing and there will never be such a thing as the ultimate lure: the doomsday tackle weapon that will conquer all of the fish in the sea. Clearly, today's lures are better. They have more action and come in more styles. Today you can imitate anything from a sand eel to a baby

weakfish. Sure, they had tins for all occasions years ago, but tins are not exactly the best nighttime lures. Therefore, as long as the fish were willing to hit in the day, all was well. As soon as the fish put on the feedbag in the dark, all the fisherman had to get those fish were plugs unless he wanted to use fresh bait. Today, we have imitation eels, sand eels, bunker, spearing, mullet, and the young of the year of almost anything. Plastic has revolutionized the industry and made possible even more sophisticated designs. But back to the question! Okay, so I chuckled some years back when a company advertised a lure that made its own sound as it was retrieved. Not that the lure wouldn't catch fish, but it was touted as the ultimate weapon: throw away all your other lures because you won't need them, I believe the ad said. No such thing! The smart fisherman carries an arsenal of sizes, shapes, colors, and actions because he knows how fickle the fish can be. Matching the hatch is a key factor in lure determination; but I have also seen that go the other way when there is too much of one bait and the matched artificial gets lost in the crowd. Then a very big or very small—whichever the case may be—artificial will work even though it does not resemble anything that the fish are feeding on. However, its odd size or color may attract the attention of the fish and induce a strike. However, the percentages are with an artificial that is similar in both size and color to the bait present. Lures that make sounds are good especially when the fish area spread out. The sound helps the game fish to key in on the lure which otherwise might be retrieved and then thrown out away from the fish before the fish can find it. This year we have found that Bill Norman's plugs that come with a lead shot molded in, or doctored up Rebels and RedFins worked well on blues and weakfish. I don't think that the scent thing has come into its own as yet. I have tried it with varying success, but most of it poor. In one case, scent applied to a lure that was catching fish during a feeding frenzy seemed to drive the fish away. Since the scent from the bottle matched the food in the water, I can only conclude that the scent kept the fish off the lure. While others around me continued to take fish, I waited about one-half hour for the scent I had applied to wear off before I took another fish. I am not saying that I don't think scents will work, but that the art hasn't been perfected as yet to where it makes a significant contribution. There are exceptions, such as fruit flavors and worm flavors that seem to work in freshwater. But the saltchuck's another game and as yet, the available scents fall short. We even experimented with extracts of bunker and other fish without much success. We await the chemistry to be refined because when it is, this will add another dimension to our fishing.

OUT OF HATE! Fish will hit a lure out of annoyance. Although that is only my opinion, I believe it strongly. I have seen blues that appear to be lounging on sand in shallow water during the day finally come up to a popper after repeated tosses. Many times, the fish will miss and that's because the blue is only trying to get rid of the pesky little critter that keeps running through the big boy's territory. Maybe it's an ego thing? Bass are sometimes the same. Eel skin plugs often produce a strike when the fish aren't feeding for this reason. The wiggle and waddle of that lure builds up a frustration in the bass until it strikes out. Many fish are lost on skin plugs when this happens because, again, the fish come up only to scare away the intruder and often hit a glancing blow. How was that, Andy?

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THE CAPTAIN'S TABLE
...From the Godfather's Cookbook
with Andy Regina

BAKED STUFFED WHITING CINZANO

On a recent fishing trip aboard a partyboat, I was approached by a complete stranger as we were relaxing in the cabin on a rather boring, long trip back home. It seems that this young fellow—a man in his mid-twenties, I would assume—was a chef for one of the restaurants in the United Nations, and he was extremely interested in fish and seafood recipes. Though we had shared the starboard rail at intervals during the fishing day, we had not spoken more than a few words—the usual good-natured banter that goes on between partyboat passengers sharing a common interest. He was, after all, with his own small circle of friends; and as I said before, we were strangers.

"My Dad told me that you write for The Long Island Fisherman," he said, "and I just read your latest recipe in this week's issue. Tell me, do all Italian recipes call for tomato sauce?" he asked. I looked at him in amazement. I was actually speechless for a moment as I racked my memory for an answer to his honest question.

Scenes passed before my eyes like flashbacks in a movie, as I dug into the foggy memory of a dim past, recalling people and incidents that were all connected to whatever I knew about fish recipes. My Mom was once more at her big, black stove in the kitchen, making magical, mouth-watering aromas drive us out of our minds as we sat around our huge dining table, listening to Dad and Uncle Vito swap tales of the old country.

Because my ancestors had lived in a seaport (Bari), they naturally made fish and seafood the mainstay of their diet, caught fresh daily in the Adriatic or the Mediterranean Oceans by local boats. My folks grew up on such a diet, so it was only natural that they ate fish so much after they got married—they actually craved it several times a week. And although Mom cooked fish fifteen times a month, it was never cooked the same way twice, which made us kids appreciate it more than we would normally have done—but it was almost always colored red.

If Mom didn't drown it in tomato sauce, she sprinkled enough paprika on it, unless it was plain pan-fried, which was Dad's favorite style of preparing fish. He would eat cold fried fish like candy as we sat around the radio at night, washing it down with big glassfuls of his homemade wine. One of his favorite fish was pan-fried whiting, and to tell the truth, that flaky, white flesh lent itself well to being eaten cold, like chicken drumsticks. My Uncle also loved whiting, but he liked his fish prepared a little fancier, probably due to his greater exposure to restaurants. He was single, remember, and his negotiations were often conducted as he bought his clients dinner. It was rumored that some of Uncle Vito's dinner guests were treated to better meals than the proverbial condemned man—whatever that may have meant.

One time, for one of those all-fish and seafood meals that were our traditional Christmas Eve dinners, Uncle Vito had one of his friends at the old Fulton Street Fish Market send some fish to the house. Included amid the live eels, live lobsters, and salted baccala was about fifty pounds of fresh whiting—mute testimony to the tastes of my Dad and his brother. That year, Mom cooked whiting ten different ways, including enough diversity to please every palate, but the one best way she made it that day was an old family recipe that had been handed down from Uncle Vito's grandfather, who had been a caretaker for a big landowner in Sicily, some Count Something-Or-Other.

Old great-grandpa used to ride around this guy's turf with a shotgun slung over his shoulder, making sure that no one ripped off the Count's livestock, or poached his game. My Uncle rode with him as a young man, and liked it so much that he still had that old shotgun of his, which he kept in the trunk of his old Packard because he didn't trust the landlady of his rooming house. Of course, I don't think it was loaded, although the one time I actually did sneak a peek at it, it was well-oiled and clean as a whistle!

So, yes Steve, I do have an authentic Italian recipe that does not swim in tomato sauce, and if you're out there reading this, this one is especially for you! I call it, simply enough, Baked Stuffed Whiting Cinzano, but my Uncle always called it, "The Count's Murrelluza."

I'd like to take time out to thank Evelyn DePietto of Sayville for her support in backing my stand on sticking with strictly Italian recipes. So Evelyn, this is for you too, as well as for anyone else out there who truly appreciates good eatin'! We can't all be Italian, but we can all enjoy good Italian cooking, regardless of our ethnic background. Enjoy!

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Ingredients: (Serves 3-4)

3 medium onions, sliced
1/2 cup frying oil
1/2 lb. fresh mushrooms
1 clove garlic, chopped
3 Whiting, 1/2 - 3/4 lbs. each
1/2 tsp. oregano
1 tb. capers
1/4 cup bread crumbs
1/2 cup Cinzano Dry Vermouth
1/4 cup olive oil
1 tsp. table salt

Saute sliced onions in pan, using half the oil; do not allow onions to brown. Wash and dry mushrooms; saute mushrooms and chopped garlic in other half of oil. Cover skillet so mushrooms stay white. Cook for 3-4 minutes.

Cover bottom of rectangular baking dish with sauteed onions. Wash and clean whiting, but do not remove backbone. Place fish on the onions, in a row. Reserve a little of the sauteed onions and mix with part of the sauteed mushrooms. Place a small portion of mixture into each fish cavity and sprinkle the remainder over fish. Sprinkle oregano, capers, and finally, bread crumbs, over fish.

Drizzle Cinzano Dry Vermouth over fish, followed by olive oil in a thin stream. Add salt, or wait until fish is done and taste first. Bake in pre-heated 350° over for 20 minutes. Serves 3-4.

Cod fillets may be substituted for whiting, for all you Coxes Ledge freaks. Allow about 1/2 lb. cod per person. Place portion of stuffing mixture on fillet, roll up like a brasciolle, and secure with toothpicks. Proceed with recipe as per above.

White wine goes well with all fish, and with this dish a dry Soave would suit it nicely, topped off with a crisp tossed salad.

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NATIONAL SCENE

NEWS & NOTES ON THE WORLD OF FISHING
with Al Ristori

Locandro Should Prove Helpful on Council

Recently, I had the opportunity to spend some time with Dr. Roger Locandro, my successor on the Mid-Atlantic Fishery Management Council. As is invariably the case with new appointees, Roger is desperately trying to "catch up" on what's been going on the last three years in order to be able to discuss the issues intelligently. It really takes about a year before a new Council member can be expected to make a major contribution.

Fortunately, Roger has a sportfishing background dating back to his childhood in Seaside Park, New Jersey—and his interest continues unabated. In fact, he was just getting ready to take off for a weekend trip to Ocracoke (North Carolina Outer Banks) when we got together for lunch. As Roger had indicated on his resume that he had several years' experience as a part-time commercial fisherman, there had been some fear that we would suffer even greater losses than had been anticipated when the new appointments were announced. However, it now appears that Roger is very sympathetic to sportfishing concerns and, most importantly, familiar with the sport fisheries of our area.

The latter point is quite important, as it is one of the great shortcomings of the Council. All viewpoints can't be represented in a Council of nineteen voting members, and some individuals on the Council have very narrow perspectives. They may be familiar with specific fisheries in their area, but know little, or nothing, of those just a few hundred miles away. That's the primary reason why we've had so much difficulty getting the bluefish plan moving ahead at a reasonable rate. The great economic impact of the sportfishery for blues is in the area from central New Jersey to Long Island, but some members from the southern portion of the region look on blues as more of a nuisance than anything else. Of course, some northern members are just as uninformed about the fisheries to the south of us. Fortunately, Roger (a Professor of Food Sciences at Rutgers) has a broad knowledge of fisheries throughout the area.

South Atlantic Council Approves Billfish Plan

The Fishery Management Plan for Billfish, which has been worked on for some time by the Inter-Council Billfish Steering Committee, was finally approved by the South Atlantic Fishery Management Council (the lead Council) at its September meeting. The Plan may still be modified on the basis of comments received from fishermen attending public hearings to be scheduled along the Atlantic and Gulf Coasts and in the Caribbean. After that process is completed and any changes made, the Plan must go to the Secretary of Commerce for approval and implementation.

Basically, the Plan specifies that blue marlin, white marlin, sailfish and spearfish may be taken only on rod and reel of the types customarily used in recreational fishing, and further stipulates that no commercial fishery be developed for billfish in these (200-Mile Limit) waters. Traditional handlining of billfish for food in the Caribbean will be allowed to continue. There are no size or catch limits, nor will either fees or permits be required for U.S. recreational fishermen. Swordfish are not included in this Plan, but will be the subject of a separate plan presently being worked. Domestic swordfish fishermen will be allowed a small by-catch of billfish under the Plan, but will be required to leave the area if their catches exceed the by-catch limits.

Despite the best efforts of the National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) and the State Department to frustrate the intent of the law, the House Merchant Marine and Fisheries Committee made it clear that there was nothing in the 200-Mile legislation that prevented the Council from closing areas to foreign tuna longliners in order to protect the billfish stocks. Therefore, the South Atlantic Council has recommended that foreign longline fishing be prohibited in the 200-Mile limit during peak times of billfish availability. The Gulf of Mexico's 200-Mile limit would be closed from May 16 to October 31; the area from Cape Canaveral, Florida to Cape Charles, Virginia, from June through September; and the area from Cape Charles to Montauk Point during July, August and September.

The Plan recommends the release of all billfish which are not intended for use as food or trophies and urges that released fish be tagged to increase our understanding of billfish stocks. To measure the success of the Plan and its need for revision, a catch reporting system based on statistical sampling is to be developed by the National Marine Fisheries Service.

All of the foregoing seems pretty simple and straightforward, but you have no idea how many roadblocks were thrown in its path by NMFS, or of the incredible amount of paper work involved in getting this far. Though it looks as if we may be getting to the point of accomplishing what we set out to do about two-and-a-half years ago, there is still a long way to go—and I can't help but think how much of the taxpayers' money could have been saved if the process were simplified and NMFS didn't try to undermine the effort!

Striper Fishing in Texas Gains Momentum

The October spurt of striped bass action on Long Island has temporarily taken fishermen's minds off the difficulties that species faces along its migratory range. Unless we get a good spawning year shortly, striper fishing in saltwater may be no better in a few years than weakfishing was in the Sixties. However, we'll never run out of stripers to catch if the freshwater efforts continue at the same rate they're currently going. Stripers can now be caught in significant numbers at such unlikely spots as a large lake in the plains of Nebraska and the Colorado River in Arizona. What's more, the latter spot has yielded several fifty pounders!

Texas is making a particularly big effort to stock stripers in suitable freshwater bodies. Dozens of reservoirs have been stocked by the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department and none have failed so far. Best of all, natural spawning has occurred in Lakes Whitney and Texoma. The current state record striper of 32¾ lbs. was taken from Texoma last November, but that mark isn't likely to last very long. According to a recent issue of "Sport Fishing News," put out by the Sport Fishing Institute, spring and summer rains have filled most Texas lakes and resulted in bumper crops of prey species (such as shad) for the stripers to feed on.

OLD TIMERS' CORNER

"The way it was..." with Matt Ahern

STIRRING TIMES

The early Thirties were rough. It was the height of the Great Depression and if you were fortunate enough in those stirring times to hold down a steady job, you were indeed lucky. But if you suffered the pangs of unemployment and yet were a fairly skilled fisherman, you had a distinct advantage.

By using an often difficult-to-secure buck or two for a party boat fare, you had the opportunity to provide your family and your neighbor's family with good, wholesome meals. Perhaps even sell some of your fish on the side. Many fellows did. And if you were luckier still, you might even win the big-fish pool and have enough left over to buy the kids a pair of shoes—to say nothing of an additional expenseless trip or two next week; which, of course, meant another shot at the pool.

I think it was during those days that the greatest fishermen of my generation were made. While enjoyment and sport were still the name of the game, many desperate fishermen were heavily motivated by the need to provide the bare necessities. They had absolutely nothing going for them but their skill with a fishing rod. Should they fail, their families were certain to suffer.

The cold, simple fact was that you either made it or you didn't, and woe betide the fellow who didn't. To the everlasting credit of these fishermen, I never personally knew one who failed. Truly, for many, fishing in those days was purely a matter of survival.

We will never see the like of their kind again.

There were many reasons for their success, of course; but I believe the one thing of most importance was when every fisherman's inherent kindness to one another became the watchword of the day. Every fisherman I knew cared for the welfare of the next guy. Even those who were more fortunate held much sympathy and compassion for those fellows who truly battled rough times. It was common to see fishermen share their catch with those they knew to be in desperate need.

Certainly, it was the unwritten law of the Depression-day fisherman to help the other guy to the best of his ability. This, I believe, is what brought most of us through those tough days. Surely, one received and appreciated a better understanding of his fellow man. And, truly, it was these little acts of kindness that nurtured and sustained hope in many discouraged souls.

It is not difficult for me to relate scores of such instances.

For example: as a kid and a devoted party boat fisherman, each Thursday during summer school vacation was my day to fish aboard the Old Rose R II out of Canarsie. Due to circumstances, I could only afford that one trip each week (unless I won a pool), but I had a whole week until the next trip to scrounge that dollar fare—and scrounge I did. I did everything a kid will to earn that fare. Today, a buck is nothing, but in those days it was a lot of money for a youngster to latch onto. But I always managed...most times.

I stress "most times," because I recall one spell when I missed two Thursdays in a row and you can bet I was hurting. I could have gotten the fare-money from my parents, I'm sure, but in those days, things weren't done that way. If you wanted something badly enough and needed money for it, you went out and earned it.

How I got the money together I no longer remember, but get it I did; and on that third belated Thursday, Dick Persson, the skipper, asked me where I'd been the instant I stepped aboard. I poured out my tale of woe. Do you know how this great fishing skipper reacted? He told me to never do that again. Any time I didn't have the fare, he said, I was not to worry about it. Just come aboard, anyway. This is but one example of the sort of kindness that prevailed in those days.

I'm a great champion of party boat skippers. Lord knows I have much reason to.

For instance: most established party boats of the day carried their share of "dead heads." These were the fellows who just could not scrape that fare together, but of course, they had to eat. I know as a later party boat mate there were many fishing days when a third of the passengers aboard popular party boats never paid a fare.

But it didn't matter. As one skipper told me in later years as we discussed this subject: "Matt, those fellows supported me when they had it. Why shouldn't I have helped them when they didn't? Was I to let them starve?"

As someone once said: "There were men in those days."

Now that is the way some party boat skippers felt. But what about the individual fisherman? Was he a stranger to kindness? In no way.

Many times, I saw fare-paying passengers who didn't have the necessary quarter to enter the big-fish pool being put in by more affluent fishermen who were quite often strangers. There was never any remuneration expected—such as splitting the pool should the one less fortunate win. And oftentimes when it did happen, the offering was refused anyway.

During my dropline fishing days as a kid, I was gifted with many a spare wooden sidewinder reel. One passenger gave me a rod. Another, a surplus Navy pea jacket from the first World War. One passenger, a Jewish baker, who also fished on Thursdays, made it a point to bring extra lunch which he always shared with me, saying all kids have hollow legs. Sam, I'll never forget you. And I'll always remember those delicious bagels and cheese Danish. For an always hungry kid, they were pure Ambrosia.

Now, that's the way it was for many fishermen during those sad days of the Great Depression. For many, it was a meager existence at best, but somehow we managed to keep body and soul together and our spirits high. Fortunately for us, the fish seemed high-spirited, too, for they cheerfully cooperated with the fishermen, often filling butter tubs and sack to overflowing.

Yes, the early Thirties were rough all right, but for the men who knew how to use a fishing rod, and who had a wealth of compassion for their fellow anglers, there were many bright spots. Those truly were the glorious days of master fishermen, never to be forgotten.

Now, in a lighter vein, I'm going to ask you a series of questions.

If you remember when sand and blood worms sold for fifteen cents a dozen; when live killies went for ten cents a quart; when green crabs cost two dollars a bushel; when a bushel of skimmer set you back fifty cents; when snapper fishing, five cents worth of shrimp was enough for all-day fishing; when grass shrimp for weakfish chum cost fifty cents a quart and you screamed at the price; when weakfish charters set you back thirty-five bucks; when it took a matter of minutes on any backwater marsh to gather all the china-back fiddlers needed for a day's blackfishing...

When rowboats rented for fifty cents on weekdays, seventy-five cents on weekends—and sometimes a quarter if that's all you had; when outboard engines were few and far between; when party boats had engineers and the diesel had to be started from the engine room; when eleven knots was good speed for many party boats; when these boats often brought along carrier pigeons to alert those on shore should anything unforeseen happen; when party boat bilges were pumped out by hand; when there were absolutely

no electronic aids aboard these craft; when anchors on many party boats were pulled by hand; when party boat fares were two dollars, one dollar for youngsters, and pools cost a quarter to enter; when wood or bakelite sidewinder reels were common; when loose hooks were kept in talcum powder to prevent rust; when "catgut" fluke and weakfish leaders required pre-soaking for at least ten minutes before use to prevent parting under strain...

When fishing line was white, made of braided Irish linen and needed to be washed in fresh water after each trip, and then dried in the shade to avoid rot; when most snells on hooks used for bottom fishing were made of tarred line; when few ringed hooks were available for sport fishing; when loose hooks were wrapped to snell or leader with waxed silk thread and coated with spar varnish for waterproofing; when it was necessary to make the Hidden Knot for a satisfactory wrapping job...

When you trolled South Shore inlets for blues and bonito with Japanese feather lures; when hake were caught off Sandy Hook's Cedar Ground every May and June; when the Cholera Bank produced monster cod; when you first had to fish through the ling to get to the huge humpback sea bass on that same Cholera Bank; when Fred Fletcher of the Daily News and Jack Brawley of the New York Journal-American were the most widely read fishing columnists in the New York area.

If you can remember any or all of these, I have only one thing to say: my friend, not only have you been fishing a long time, you've caught one helluva lot of fish!

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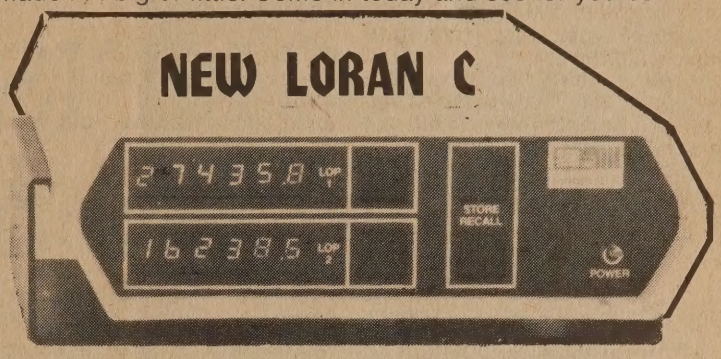

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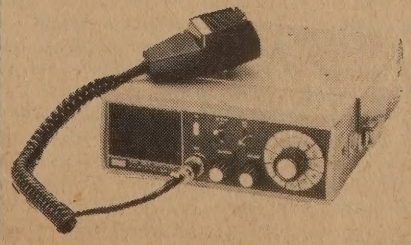

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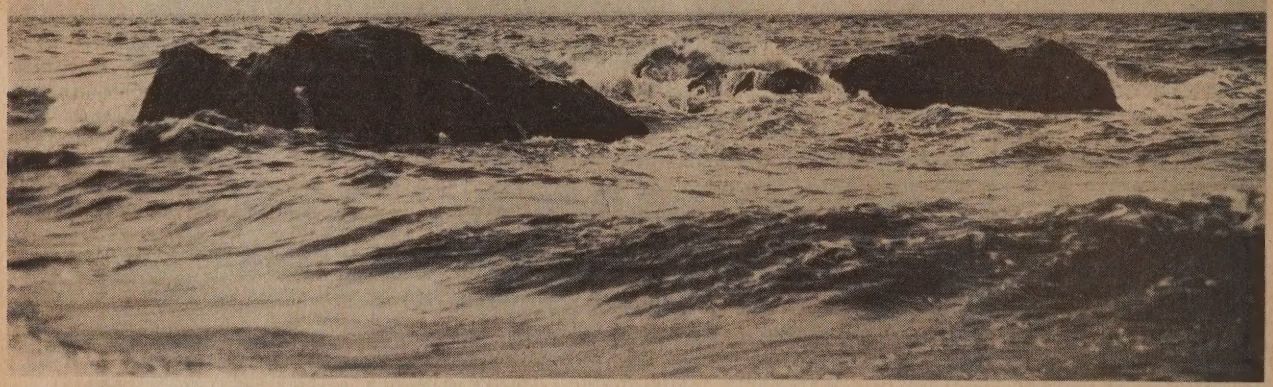
BLACKFISHING At Greenport



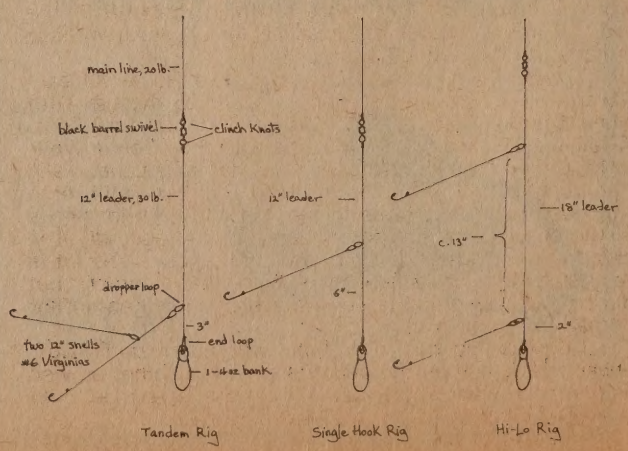
Jetties are productive shore spots for blackfish. Although the boulder-strewn beaches and mussel beds of Long Island Sound attract tautog as well, fishing there requires much scouting, and anglers often spend hours without a hit. If nothing happens at one group of boulders, it becomes mandatory to move to another, perhaps continuing like this for over a mile before you strike pay dirt; but most fishermen are not willing to put in such an investment. Bridges and piers are also likely spots, the staggered supports providing anchorage for barnacles and mussels to attract tautog. However, many bridges are off limits to fishermen and town docks are either overcrowded or in water that is too shallow or too warm for consistent blackfishing. But jetties, by their nature, have continuous supports along the bottom, providing the greatest amount of irregular surface for shelled creatures to cling to, crustaceans to hide among, and for blackfish to seek them out. In Long Island, anglers usually associate jetty fishing with the South Shore. From the breakwalls at Coney Island and Rockaway to the jetties at Jones, Moriches, and Shinnecock Inlets, typical rock formations can be seen extending into the Atlantic. One can find jetties on the North Shore as well, at Garvies Pt., Port Jefferson, and Shoreham to mention a few; but breakwalls or jetties are rare in most bays. Instead, town docks provide access for the shore-bound fisherman looking for tautog.

One exception is the bay jetty at Greenport, an unusually long pile of rocks projecting about a quarter of the way into the north side of Shelter Island Sound between Peconic Bay and Gardiner's Bay—more precisely, between Southold Bay and Orient Harbor. The jetty functions as a breakwall protecting Greenport's marina with its party boats, charters, commercial trawlers, and private vessels. It is in the path of a narrow channel where some of the deepest water in the area lies to the west. During the spring, weakfish are caught here; in the summer, porgies—but in the fall, it's blackfish time.

From October through November or later, depending on the weather, anglers catch blackfish from one pound keepers to five pound bulldogs. Like fishing on the Sound, the best time is generally before the turn of the tide and outgoing is more consistent than incoming. Most anglers fish the east side (left) of this jetty; on the ebb, they encounter fewer snags as the rig pulls away from the rocks. I find the last thirty feet or so near the end of the jetty best, where the water is about fifteen feet deep.

While the Greenport jetty is safer than most confronting the South Shore's open surf, there are windy days when the water splashes onto the rocks here and makes them quite slippery. Wear shoes with good, non-slip treads or felt bottoms and be careful when rock-hopping—there are some tricky spots and it's a long haul to the end.

Like jetty fishing elsewhere, a stiff six to seven foot spinning rod and matching reel filled with twenty pound test is ideal. Long casts are not necessary for this kind of fishing and the heavier rod has the backbone to pull a



tautog out of the rocks, while the stronger line will resist stretching and abrasion for longer periods. Most days, I use a tandem rig here, consisting of a twelve inch leader of thirty pound test tied with an end loop for the sinker and a clinch knot to a black barrel swivel (which goes to the main line with another clinch knot). A dropper loop is formed on the leader about three inches above the sinker and a twelve inch snelled Virginia hook, size 6, is slipped through it. A second snelled hook is then tied to the middle of the first. Should a snag occur, the line will break at the swivel instead of at the rod tip and monofilament is saved. When the water is rough and snags more frequent, I switch to a single hook about six inches above the sinker. Sometimes I use a hi-lo rig, particularly when bergalls are in thick. An eighteen inch leader with two droppers for the snelled hooks is used: the bottom one about two inches above the sinker and the top one a little over a foot above. A soft bait on top will distract the bergalls, while a "hard" bait below brings in the blacks. Sinker weight varies here from one ounce banks to four ounces on a windy day. Prepare a number of rigs in advance and have them ready. Don't forget to bring along a bucket or wet-sack—most blackfish are lost **after** they are brought onto the rocks.

No matter which rig you prefer, the best baits to use are crabs: fiddlers, hermits, or green. Soft baits, e.g., clams or worms, will also take blackfish, but more likely you will catch bergalls with these. Fiddlers should be impaled alive just behind the large claw and out the rear of the carapace. Many people break off the large claw of the male before baiting up. Hermits are difficult to find in most tackle shops although some experienced fishermen swear by them. Bait them the same way as fiddlers. Green crabs should be cut in half or quartered, all claws broken off at the top joints, and the carapace or top shell removed carefully. This exposes the white meat. Hook it through one of the claw sockets and out another, or wherever it holds best, exposing the point a little and wedging the barb inside.

While other kinds of bottom fishing can be relaxing, fishing for blacks requires concentration: constant attention to the rod. You cannot cast and wedge a rod between the rocks if you expect to catch tautog from a jetty. Make a fairly short cast, let the rig settle to the bottom, and tighten up on the slack. If nothing happens after awhile, move a few feet and try again. When a blackfish hits your bait, the rod tip vibrates momentarily. Because the diet of a tautog consists primarily of mussels and barnacles, the staccato on your rod is probably due to the fish instinctively tearing the food from its hold-fast with its lips and human-like teeth. Do not strike the fish just then—it needs a moment to work the bait to its crushers in back of the throat where "chewing" or pulverizing takes place. Give it a second and then strike the fish with a short, smart lift of the rod. Keep the rod high as you start reeling in to avoid being cut off by the sharp encrustations below. Sometimes, nothing further develops after the initial drum beat. Chances are the bait is gone or covered with weeds: re-bait or clear the rig. Occasionally, a blackfish—particularly a large one—will barely be felt when it engulfs the bait. Once again, a short lift of the rod will inform you of its presence (or absence) without moving the bait around too much.

To get to the Greenport jetty, take Route 25 east toward Orient Pt. In Greenport, Route 25 merges with Main Street and you are forced to make a left turn here. A few blocks ahead, watch for the Exxon Station on your right and make a right there onto Champlin Lane. Take this road till it ends, then make another right onto Manhasset Ave. Continue to the end and park in the lot at the beach. The jetty is to your right. Altogether, it is about a mile-and-a-half from town to the jetty. The lot is restricted to local residents during the summer, but during the spring and fall of the year, you will encounter no parking problems.

No pounding surf to contend with either; no crowds, fewer snags, and all the benefits of jetty fishing, as well as a superb view of Shelter Island—the Greenport jetty is a good place to try for blackfish in the fall.

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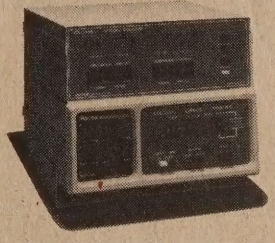

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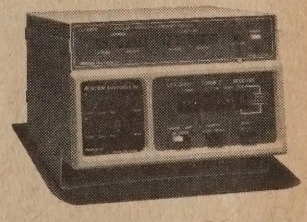

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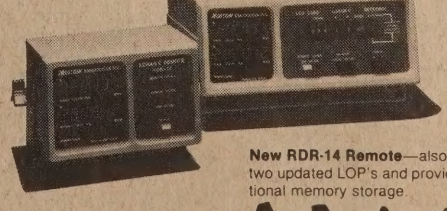

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Whiting & Ling Hotspots

by Richard Giessuebel

Come the end of every year, most anglers either hang up their gear or give chase to the most common winter staples: the whiting and the ling. These two most highly sought, and cooperative species move into our area late in November and usually hang around in catchable locations right on through the winter and into the spring. They're caught in such hotspots as Sandy Hook, between the channels, the Cedars, and at the Mud Hole. Each of these areas offer the angler a whole host of fishing enjoyment; however, with each locale, comes another manner or technique that must be employed if one is to expect to maintain maximum productivity.

First, let's discuss the locations. From Sheepshead Bay, Sandy Hook lies almost due south at a heading of near 200°. It is only about five miles away, making it a spot that should be fished often, especially when the ling have moved into the Cedars. Both the Hook and the Cedars lie in the same general area, with the Cedars being out on the ocean side of the strip of land called Sandy Hook and about one-and-a-half miles from where the Hook opens up to the ocean. Here, the ling come every winter and take up residence to spawn and to feed. Full day bags can be had in this area without really trying; however, one must be constantly aware of the ocean while fishing here, because not only is there a constant stream of boats and tankers passing this way, but the currents in this area can be extremely treacherous too. But, considering all of the possibilities, the fishing can really be fantastic and the Hook and the Cedars can't be overlooked. Also, don't worry about pinpointing a location because, once you're in the general vicinity, the ling are generally all over the place.

Another hotspot is the location named "between the channels." This area lies between Ambrose Channel in the north and Sandy Hook Channel in the south. Another name given to this location is the lump. However, no matter what it's called, the waters associated with it are simply alive with fish all year long and in the winter, there's no exception. The first fish moving into this area will be the ling, and after their arrival, the whiting can't be too far off. The location is found by traveling due south at 180° until you cross the Ambrose Channel. Then, you're in the vicinity as long as you stay out of the Sandy Hook Channel to the south and the channel you've just crossed in the north.

Water depths in this area average between twenty to thirty feet, whereas the surrounding waters average about thirty-five feet on down; therefore, the name: the lump. When the whiting and the ling have moved into this area, you can score by either drifting if the current isn't too strong, or by anchoring up if it is. The only difference is that if you're drifting, you stand a much better chance of sticking with the fish; whereas, if you're at anchor, the fish have to come to you and you may catch them in spurts. Between the channels is a great place to catch whiting and ling and there always seems to be a large concentration of baitfish here to attract them.

As far as traffic, this is one of the most heavily traveled water routes in the world; so make certain that if you're going to anchor, you're not in either one of the shipping lanes. Also, if you're drifting, make certain that you don't go through any lanes, especially where you might cause a tanker or other larger craft to do something to avoid hitting you. Should one of these larger ships have trouble with any of the fishing fleet, they simply call the Coast Guard, who, in turn, sends out a patrol boat which enforces the rules of the roads to the hilt. Most of the fishing boat captains who depend upon this area for a daily living, and who often drift through a channel when they're certain that nothing is coming, don't appreciate this. So, be wise and safe at the same time. Do what the others are doing, and avoid the shipping channels at all costs.

Now, to the hotspot that stays hot throughout the entire year. The Mud Hole by name, this particular location maintains deep cold water all year-round, and if you look hard enough, you can catch whiting out there even in the middle of the summer. As for the early winter, winter, and the spring, you can always get some fish here. However, the Mud Hole is located offshore, so you have to be aware of the craft you're attempting to fish it in. Weather can come up on you fast any time; but in winter, the weather is most tricky. Winds that seem to flatten out the surf create good sized waves at the Mud Hole, so one must be constantly on the alert for the type of weather heading his way. Then, should it catch you off guard, you've got to have enough of a boat to be able to make it back.

The northern-most region of the Mud Hole is designated by the Ambrose Tower. You can get to the tower from Sheepshead Bay by traveling southeast at a heading of about 146° for a distance of nearly seven miles. Should you pass the tower and continue on the same course for another two miles, you'd be smack dab in the middle of the northern end of the hole. Then, generally in a southerly direction, the Mud Hole will stretch out before you.

In the north, the depth of the water is in the 100' range. Heading south, at a place called BA Buoy, the depth has fallen to 130-40' deep. Then, still further to the south, water depths get down to as deep as 220' or so. When out in the Mud Hole and fishing for whiting and ling, there are certain things that you must know in order to score well.

The first thing to know is that you must fish heavy gear. This is because you're fishing way down and in order to battle the currents and keep your baits down on the bottom, you're going to have to use a lot of weight. A lot of weight and two hundred feet of line can only be handled on a heavy pole. So, leave the lightweights at home. The rigs you should use in the Mud Hole should be of a multi-hook nature; that is, you should fish a rig with a lot of hooks on it. I've used as many as eight, but really don't recommend any more than six. The reason why you need so many hooks is because it's ludicrous to think of going down two hundred feet with a twelve ounce sinker and then reeling up at every hit you sustain. So, once a hit is registered, one simply allows his rig to remain down. Then, after several minutes, simply reel up and remove several fish.

Should you get double and triple headers, you'll fill up a sack fast; whereas if you fish a two hook rig and reel up at every hit, it would be doubtful as to just how many fish you'd catch.

Another thing that should be considered here is the bait. When in the Mud Hole, the fish I've caught all seemed to be feeding on other fish. Therefore, I usually start out with a mackerel rig on, catch a whiting, and then I fillet the whiting and cut the fillet up into small strips. The strips are about a half an inch wide on the top and they are tapered down to a sharp point. Then, the bait is attached to the hook by simply placing the

hook through the meat on the fillet and then through the skin once, about a half an inch down from the top. After all the hooks have been baited, it's over the side with it and you're in business.

Inshore, I like to use light tackle and I'll fish a rig with either just two whiting hooks, or two whiting and a ling hook. The way in which these rigs are made is as follows: get a length of some thirty pound test. Five feet should do. Tie two dropper loops about two feet apart. Attach a number 2/0 long shanked hook to these two loops. Tie a loop on top near the top dropper so that you can connect your line to it, and then about two feet below your bottom dropper, tie another loop so that you can either attach your weight, or a diamond jig that will also act as your weight. Should you want to add a ling hook (ling feed right on the bottom), simply attach the same type hook to a length of line and tie it to your weight.

For the multi-hook rigs of six or more hooks, use a longer length of line and make your six dropper loops about one foot apart. Then, add your hooks and you're in business. Remember, if you want to catch ling, you've got to have a bottom hook. If you don't want any ling, remove it. Also, you can substitute a diamond jig for any weight, and not only will the jig attract fish, but it'll catch a few, too.

As far as dress, remember, you're out in the ocean. Dress warm! You can always take something off if you're overdressed, but it's very difficult to get warm if you're under-dressed. Wear insulated boots if you've got 'em and by all means, bring something along to cover your head and ears. I've been out there when the wind never stopped blowing at under twenty miles per hour and while the temperature didn't push twenty. That's about a wind chill factor of over twenty below. Also, the weatherman had said that we were going to have a nice day with temperatures in the mid-thirties. So, don't take any chances. Dress for the worst—and you'll usually get it.

Well, that's about it. If you remember to fish those multi-hook rigs down deep and allow those hooks to fill up, you'll do all right out in deep water. Remember to have sturdy equipment out there and not to reel up at the first sign of a hit. Also, use the whiting itself for bait, and when in close to shore, lighten up the equipment. Should you follow these little pointers, you'll have a good day no matter where you fish. Good luck and fishing.

The Boatman's Nightmare

"Out of sight, out of mind," is a philosophy which many boatmen and fishermen appear to have regarding their fuel tanks. It is a "deadly" philosophy which many of us more or less fall into until it is too late—or almost too late—when our boat unexpectedly catches fire and explodes beneath us. If we are lucky, we escape with our lives and only get blown up and into the water. If we are unfortunate or unlucky, we are on "our way to the playground in the sky" without ever knowing what happened.

My point in all seriousness is that none of us can be too careful when it comes to storing gasoline aboard our boats. Fortunately, builders of boats carefully install fuel systems so well that we take for granted that nothing will ever happen regarding our boat catching fire or exploding. These fuel systems appear so dependable that the boat owner almost assumes that nothing will ever happen. Luckily for most of us, nothing happens. For the unlucky or the careless boatman something does happen. This happening usually takes the form of an explosion or a fire aboard boat. Either at dockside or at sea, this happening is the "boatman's nightmare" in reality. Talk to anyone who has experienced explosion of fire aboard a boat. It is a horror show with all of the effects. Oftentimes these effects take the form of crippling disfigurations and maiming for life. No one who employs petroleum as their means of propulsion is ever excluded from this possibility.

Analysis of Coast Guard boating accidents reveals that fires and explosions are the major cause of serious accidents. With more people buying boats and more anglers going farther and farther out to sea to pursue the piscatorial denizens of the deep, we are witnessing today the installation of larger capacity fuel tanks. With these added capacities, many of our boats are actually becoming larger and potentially greater floating bombs.

CHEMISTRY OF EXPLOSIONS

At this point, a little chemistry involving fire and explosions is in order. One gallon of gas stored in a warm area, when vaporized, has the explosive power of fourteen sticks of dynamite. You might at this point desire to compute your DYNAMITE RATING or NIGHTMARE QUOTIENT. My twenty-foot Thunderbird outboard skiff carries seventy-two gallons of gas and has a DYNAMITE RATING of 1008. The NIGHTMARE QUOTIENT is the same determined computation. The explosive power of one gallon of gas was determined by the New York Fire Department to demonstrate the danger of storing gasoline in the home, in automobile trunks, or aboard boats. The energy crisis undoubtedly contributed greatly to the chemistry of explosions and the explosive power of gas. The punching power of gas has been confirmed by other researchers, including those of the Coast Guard in St. Thomas, American Virgin Islands.

Chemists point out that drastic temperature changes in storage areas can cause gasoline to expand, which creates pressure in the can. This process results in leaking fumes or vapors. It is these vapors which in reality have explosive power and equivalent dynamite potential. A cigarette, static electricity, a short in wires leading to the engine's electrical system or a collision resulting in sparks can ignite the fumes and cause fire and explosion.

Unseen gasoline vapors, which are heavier than air, can flow like a stream of water for distances up to thirty feet or more and can be ignited by a spark. The danger from gasoline vapors is present whenever gasoline is being handled, especially when it is being pumped into a boat's tank, which is not insulated, but in reality is surrounded by warm air. This is the actual situation present with almost one hundred per cent of boat

owners. Remember, gasoline is normally stored in underground tanks where direct sunlight never shines and, thus, is several degrees cooler than the average air temperature of typical boating weather. It is recommended practice to top gas tanks after a day's fishing to keep damp air from coming into the empty portion of the tank and causing moisture to condense. If a tank is filled until the fuel runs out of the filler neck, there will be no place for expanding gasoline to go but overboard via the vent line and fitting on the outside of the hull. If you have poor fittings, it is easily possible to unknowingly place raw gas into the hull of your boat. If sufficient fuel runs into the water resulting in water pollution, you could be reported to the authorities by one of your fellow boatmen and receive a stiff penalty under the Water Pollution Control Act ($5,000 maximum fine) if such spilling of fuel causes a film or sheen upon, or discoloration of the surface of the water, or causes a sludge of emulsion beneath the surface of the water. Either way, you lose. Most boatmen would prefer the stiff fine instead of a possible fire or explosion.

Prevention.

Preventative medicine is always better than curative medicine.

1. Maintain your bilges free of gas, oil and old rags. It is amazing what some boat owners store in their engine compartments. Check bilges frequently. They should be clean enough to eat out of if you are intelligent and wish to live to a ripe old age.

2. Wherever possible, employ fireproof materials in your interior decorating, especially in trunk cabin cruisers. Educate your wife to materials (curtains, cushions, etc.) which are non-inflammable. Watch out for putting down carpeting over engine compartments that not only smother ventilation, but which are made of materials which burn. Air should be allowed to circulate.

3. Never use gravity feed or gasoline stoves for your cooking. If you require hot meals, use approved alcohol or kerosene in pressure stoves for cooking.

4. Check your fire extinguishers frequently, making sure that they fit the size of your boat and that you know how to use them. Make sure that they are filled. Each fire extinguisher is classified by letter and Roman numeral according to the type of fire it may be expected to extinguish and the size of the extinguisher. The "letter" indicates the **type** of fire.

A—Fires of combustible materials.
B—Gasoline, oil and grease fire.
C—Electrical fires.

Extinguishers approved for motorboats are hand-portable of either B-I or B-II classifcation.

CLASSIFICATION (type size)	FOAM (gallons)	CO_2 (lbs.)	DRY CHEMICAL (lbs.)	HALON (lbs.)
B-I	1-1/4	4	2	2-1/2
B-II	2-1/2	15	15	-

Fire extinguishers must be carried in **all** motorboats that have one or more of the following conditions that make the boat of closed construction:

Inboard engines, or

Closed compartments under thwarts and seats wherein portable fuel tanks may be stored, or

Double bottoms not sealed to the hull or which are not completely filled with flotation materials, or

Closed living spaces, or

Closed stowage compartments in which combustible or flammable materials are stored, or

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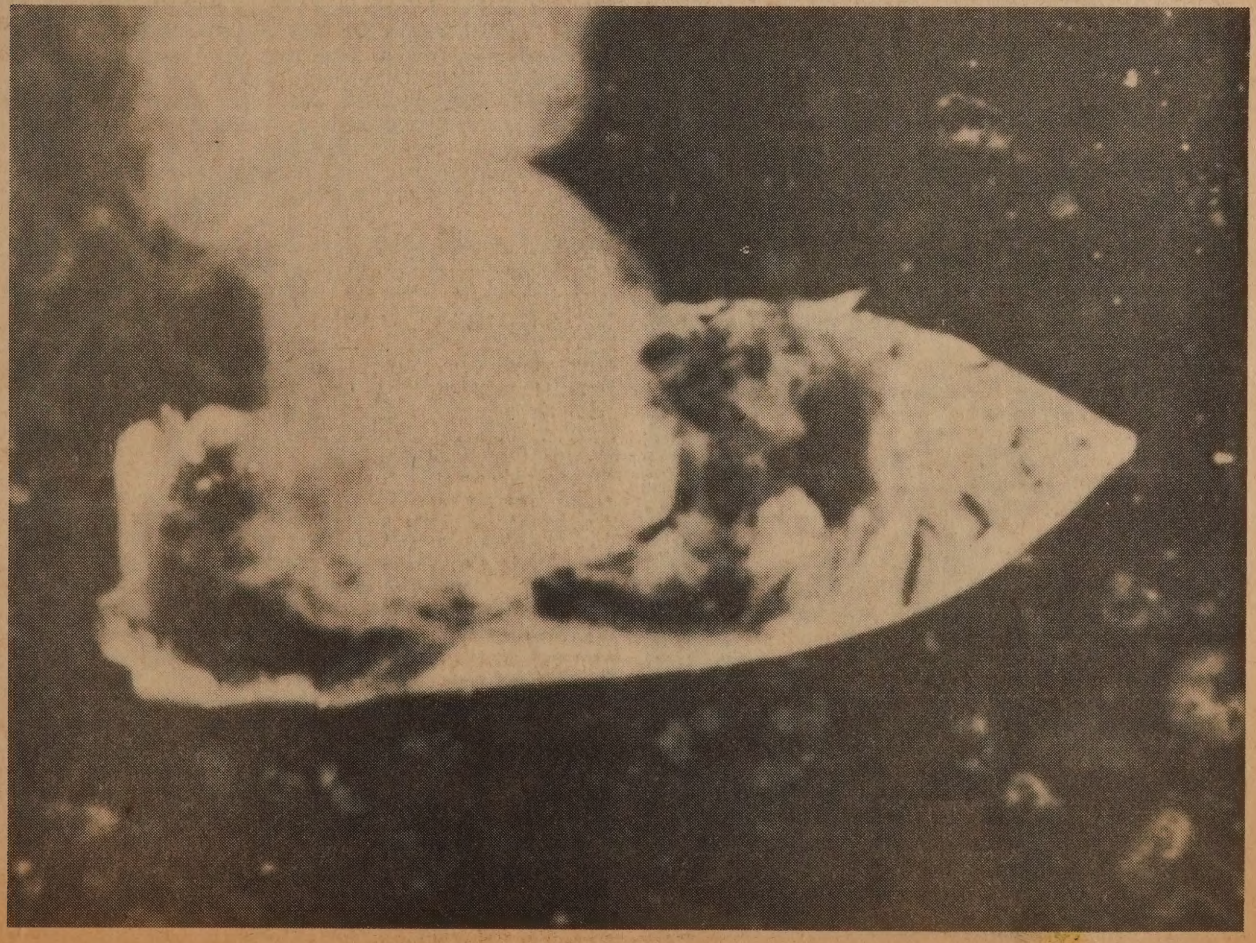

Permanently installed fuel tanks.

Dry chemical fire extinguishers without gauges or indicating devices must be weighed and tagged every six months. If the gross weight of a carbon dioxide (CO_2) fire extinguisher is reduced by more than 10% of the net weight, the extinguisher is not acceptable and must be recharged.

Check extinguishers regularly, being sure gauges are free, nozzle is clear, and extinguishers are readily accessible. Locking extinguishers up is INSANITY. Strange as it may seem, this has been the situation in certain boat fires.

5. Check your flame arrestors. All gasoline engines, except outboard motors must have United States Coast Guard approved flame arrestors fitted to the carburetor or bear a label indicating that the Coast Guard has approved use of that engine without an arrestor.

All boats from less than sixteen feet in length; not more than sixty-five feet in length must have one approved back-fire flame arrestor on each carburetor of all gasoline engines. This requirement is quite simple. Do you satisfy the requirement?

6. Check your ventilation. On boats of less than sixteen feet to not more than sixty-five feet, there should be at least two ventilation ducts fitted with cowls or their equivalent for the purposes of properly and efficiently ventilating the bilges of every engine and fuel tank compartment of boats constructed or decked over after April 25, 1940, using gasoline as fuel and other fuels having a flash point of 110°F. or less.

There should be at least one exhaust duct installed so as to extend to the lower portion of the bilge and at least one intake duct installed so as to extend to a point at least midway to the bilge or at least below the level of the carburetor air intake.

7. Before attempting any electrical repairs (quick spark test, ignition, starting motor check, etc.) or doing anything that may cause a spark—**get rid of any gas fumes.** If the smell of gasoline persists, find the source and repair it before going on. Bilges and engine compartments **must be free** of explosive vapors.

8. Before making any checks in which fuel may be spilled, turn off all electrical equipment and have a container ready to catch any spilled fuel. Have someone standing by with fire extinguisher.

9. Never fuel up at night except under well-lighted conditions. What you can't see could kill you, or cause your boat to catch fire and explode. More than one boatman has gassed up at night pouring gas into a rod holder instead of into the neck of the fuel tank.

10. Fuel up at safety conscious stations. If George the Gasser-boy insists upon smoking when fueling your tanks, remind him politely that he will be held responsible for all damages incurred if your boat explodes. Also remind him that you will not pay for his funeral expenses. He should get the idea unless he is insane. I would recommend that you find another refueling station before it is too late.

11. Carry gasoline for outboard motors in acceptable safety containers and do not store them below deck. Large outboard motors employ large inboard tanks and thus should have same tank installations as regular inboard motors with proper grounding, ventilation, etc.

12. When refueling portable tanks, they should be removed from the boat so as to prevent any spillage from entering the bilges. **Do not store** filled outboard tanks in open sunlight. The heat from the sun builds up a very great pressure in outboard tanks which will cause the expanding gas to violently "whoosh up" through gas cap opening when cap is removed. If you are smoking at the time you "crack the gas cap," you could very easily become a human torch. All outboard motorists should remember this fact. More accidents have been incurred by outboarders in this manner than with outboard engine blowing up.

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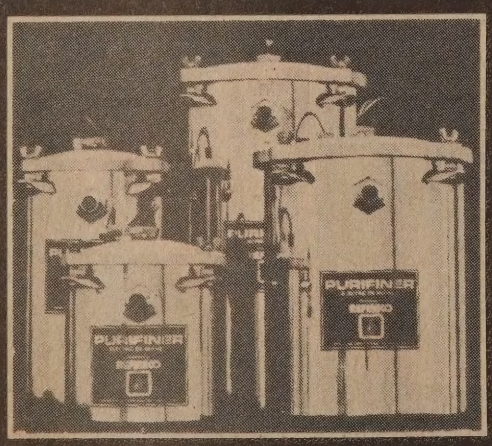

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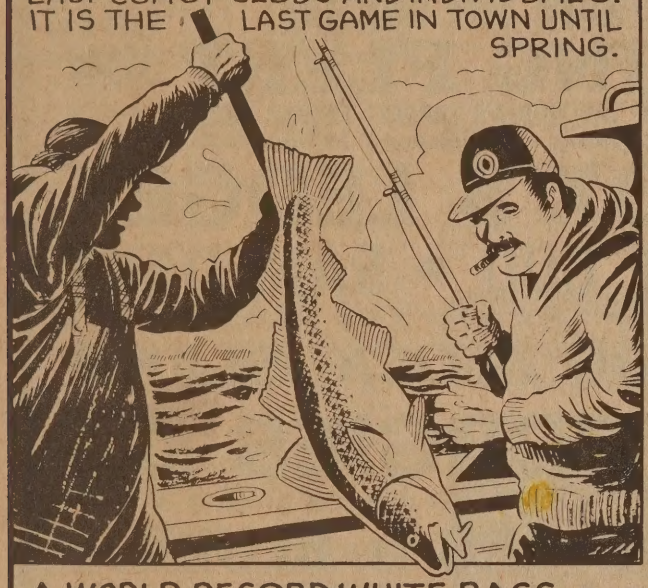

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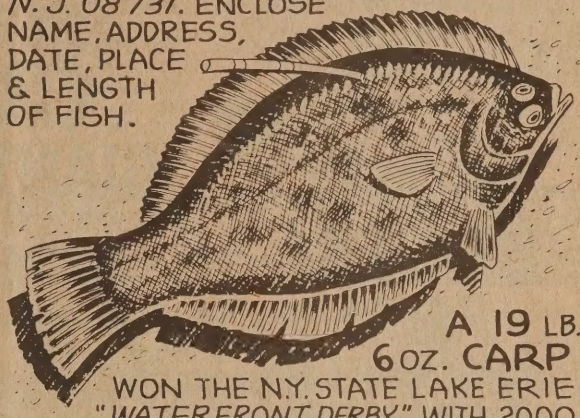

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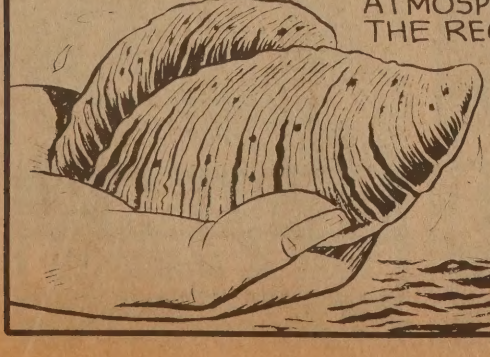

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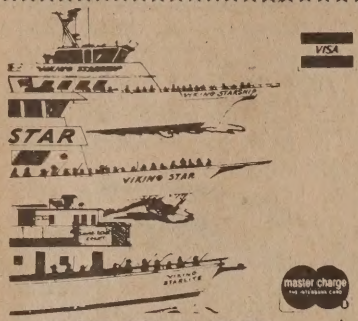

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STRIPED BASS

LATE NEWS FLASH!!! Just as we were going to press Monday morning the phone at L.I.F. started ringing off the hook with reports of a bass blitz that started in the morning. Capt. John Sweetman of the charterboat **Ebb Tide** was the first to call and reported that the fishing was fantastic. Although he had an all day charter he was back to the dock by &;00 a.m. with over 700 lbs. of bass. John said that almost all the fish were over 25 lbs., many were in the high 30s and the largest was 54 lbs. A huge body of fish moved into the area during the night and virtually blanketed the waters of Montauk. Fish were being bailed simultaneously at Great Eastern, Jone's and in front of the Lighthouse. John said that all the boats were killing the fish and he wasn't an exception. All the bass on his boat were taken on "Ebb tide" white and green tube lures that John also markets.

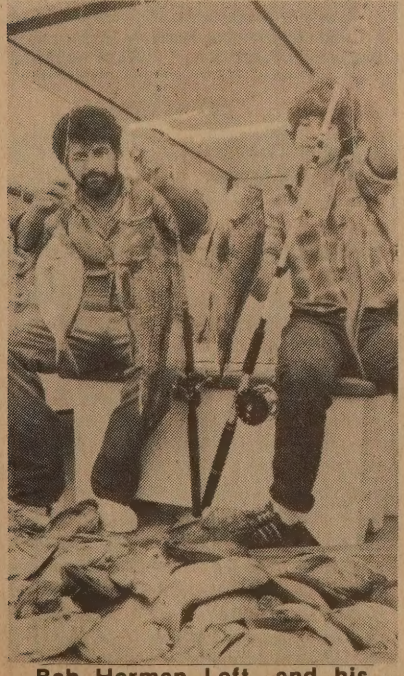
Capt. Gene Kelly of the charter boat **Sea Doll** also called Monday morning to tell us that the boats were knocking the hell out of the striped bass everywhere you looked—the Pollack Rip, Great Eastern, the Elbow and Jone's. Every boat had 15 or more bass up to 30 lbs. for the morning trip.

Capt. Phil Lewis of the charterboat **Adios** reported that this past Sunday Jackie Slekes of Ramble Inn, New Hyde Park, had 12 big clunker-bass, 4 of which were over 35 lbs. On Friday Bill Shelton of Valley Forge had 9 big bass, and Saturday mornings trip produced 3 bass, this all before the bass blitz of Monday morning! Readers should note that the best bass fishing at Montauk last year was in the month of November.

Capt. Gary Kieffer of the charterboat **Barracuda** reported that the bluefishing and bonito held up over the weekend but bass for most boats were few and far between. But with the bass blitz of Monday morning and the full moon coming up this weekend, the action promises to be phenominal. Gary said that he will be sailing until Thanksgiving and has a few dates open in November.

Capt. Buddy Dorman of the **Viking Skipper II** called and asked us to remind our readers that he is now sailing 6:00 a.m. daily and is diamond jigging for striped bass and bluefish. Buddy reminded us that his bigger fish of last year were caught late in the year, and the hot action Monday means that open

Pool winners on the "Viking Starship's" Oct. 14 wreck trip display cod to 54 lbs. and pollack to 38 lbs.



Bob Herman Left, and his neighbor Keith with a fine catch of sea bass and porgies taken on Bob's 30' Sisu, the Capt. Liver.

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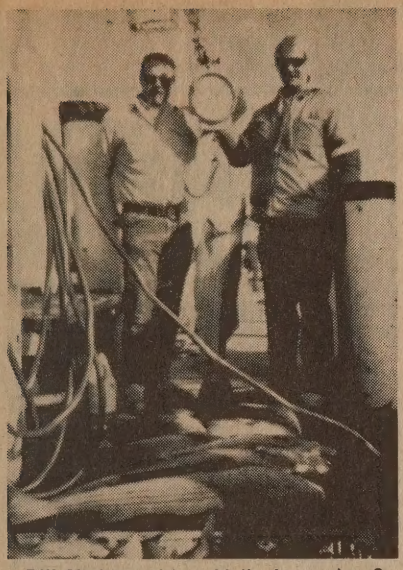


Bill Shelton with a 36 lb. bass plus 8 others taken last Friday on Capt. Phil Lewis's charterboat "Adios".

boat anglers should all get a shot at catching a big bass.

Captain Wayne King of the charter boat **King Wayne** called to say Saturday's charter for the Atlantic Anglers of Massapequa had over 100 blues. Brad Baker took the pool with a 24 lb. blue that nearly pulled him into the water at Cartwright. Saturday night's trip to Cartwright for Buddy Miles and group from New Jersey also loaded up with bi big blues. Wayne told us his wife just presented him with a second baby boy who they've named Ryan Scott King, so now Wayne has two built-in mates for his boat. Best wishes from the staff of LIF.

Charter boat **Julie III** reports Saturday's charter for Fred Johnson and group of NYCTA caught 37 blues, 1 bonito south of the Point plus 745 porgies from 1-4 lbs. plus 4 sea bass up to 4¾ lbs. fishing Frisbee's on Saturday.

Ed Bracht kneels beside the 175 lb. bluefin tuna that he landed out of Shinnecock Inlet aboard the Blue Water Drifter.

SOUTH FORK
★ BEST BET ★
FLOUNDER

SAG HARBOR

Captain Artie Lach of the **Wilhelric** tells us blackfishing took a sharp improvement on the noth side of Plum Island and the fish are getting bigger on a daily basis. They are being taken on clam and on green crab, with all bait available free on the boat. Porgies are on the way out, says Artie. November should be the peak month for blackfish and he says he will be sailing at least through the end of November.

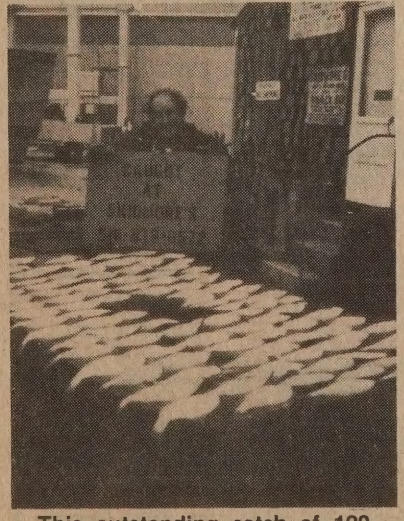
SHINNECOCK

The **Captain Clark Fleet** reports excellent blackfishing at the ocean wrecks this past week. Most fares have been boating from 2-3 burlap bags of fish, up to 8 lbers. Saturday was slower on the blacks, but there were plenty of sea bass and jumbo porgies caught. Sunday's fishing picked up again despite high winds and blacks were caught in good numbers. Captain Clark wishes to advise his customers that November 15 will be his last sailing date until spring.

Thom told us from **Speck's Bait and Tackle**, that while there are quite a few flounder around, they are still on the small side. Some of the flatfish do go up to 1½ lbs. Best bet has been clams or worms.

MORICHES BAY

Jim at **Skidmore's Fishing Station** says catches were poor in mid-week, but catches bounced back again on the weekend. Kevin and Bill Elliott plus pal Ed Sheehan of Inwood had 118 flounder on bloodworms at buoy 54, fish running to 1½ lbs. Tom Hennessy and Jim McGrath of Brooklyn boated 126 keeper flounder on bloods at buoy 52. Joe Jr. and Sr., Paul and Dave Joyce worked buoy 46 on Sunday tallying up 106 keeper flounder to 2 lbs. Fish ran 3/4 to 2 lbs. The flounder are moving to the west says Jim and hopefully by the weekend they will be right in front of the station. Meanwhile, blue claws remain good at buoy 44 in traps and on rings.



This outstanding catch of 120 flounder was made at buoy 54 by Joe Remini. Fishing was done from a skiff rented at Skidmore's Fishing Station.

GREAT SOUTH BAY
★ BEST BET ★
BLACKFISH

OAKDALE

J&R Sports tells of some flounder being caught over this past weekend in the buoy 5 area and also at the Babylon cut. A couple of schoolie bass were taken at the old construction dock in Fl Inlet in the evening on live eels during the week.

BAY SHORE

Captain Neil of the **Casey Lee** found flounder fishing a little tough this weekend due to poor fishing conditions and the elevated water temp. Neil says th that with cooling water moving in now, catches should be improving on a daily basis.

Carl at **Smokey's Bait and Tackle** tells of some blackfish being caught inside the Kismet Reef on fiddlers and greens. Flounder of 1/2 to 1 lb. being picked away at Gilgo in the State Channel and at Bergen Point and behind Good Samaritan Hospital. This is on worms, both tides. The north end of Babylon cut has produced some fish as well. Blues are being caught in 45-66' of water in the small to medium class on the outside. The Patchogue blues are still there, generally hard on the bottom and Cholera has been producing relatively consistent bluefish catches also. Carl says that after this weekend, the store will be open Friday, Saturday and Sunday only until spring.

EAST ISLIP

Wally Wolpert said from his **Buoy II Sport Shop** that big bluefish continue to populate the ocean off of Fire Island. Wally weighed in an 18 lb. 2 oz. blue taken by Oakdale Sportsman's Club member Ray Vasquez, along on the same trip, Rocco Varrone combed a 5 lb. sea bass from among the blues on the San Diego wreck.

OAK BEACH

Hays from the **Store** reported not too many people out this past week due to the weather. Those who fished on the back side of Oak Beach did take some flounder on worms. Big bluefish continue to keep anglers occupied in 80' of water on jigs and on trolled umbrellas.

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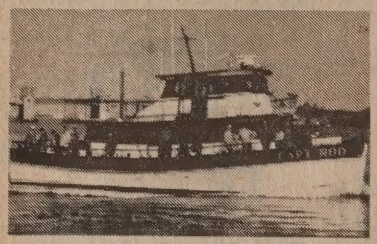

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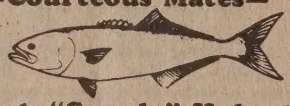

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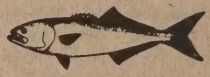

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CAPTREE

The Captain Scotty reports on Friday two men at Patchogue outer banks boated 700 lbs. of blues. On Saturday's trips there were some fares who had 20-25 jumbo blues. On Sunday, two men bailed 125 lbs. of sea bass on some pet offshore wrecks.

Captain Walter on the charter boat **Lady Ann** reports great blackfishing Saturday and Sunday on the Fire Island ocean reef. In addition, a good number of sea bass and porgies were taken. Sunday's high hook was Hank Kellner of Lindenhurst with 30 blacks to 7 lbs., 20 sea bass mostly 2-3 lbers, which hit clam and green crab and 15 porgies to 3 lbs. that were suckers for the clam. Of course, the blackfish wanted the green crab.

Captain Speedy Hubert of the open boat **Speedy VI** described the bluefishing on the outer Patchogue grounds as a slaughter. Individual catches have run as high as 50 choppers up to 16 and 17 lbs. All the action is on jigs and bonito are still mixed with the blues as evidenced by Sunday, when 15 of the speedsters came aboard. Now's the time to get in some last licks as the fishing is wild and there are no crowds to contend with.

The **Captain Joseph Fleet** reported the flounder fishing in the Bay as a slow pick, with the fish scattered all over. Despite the slow start with the flatfish, everyone is looking for improved fishing with the cooler weather we have been having.

BABYLON

Augie's Bait and Tackle weighed in a 7 lb. plus blackfish, which won the BTC Blackfish contest Sunday. However, most of the fish entered were in the 1½ to 2 lb. range. Whatever flounder were caught this past week and weekend came from areas in the State Channel to the

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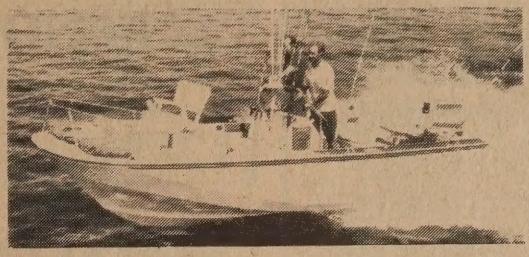

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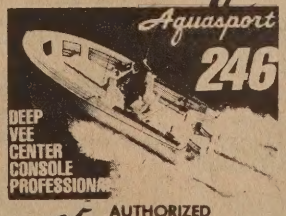

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WEAKS

west and Bergen Point. Best was around the high all week. Good bluefishing continues offshore of mixed sizes with a scattering of bonito mixed in, 50'-100' of water. The Patchogue outer banks are holding up well. One customer came in with 30 blues up to 15 lbs. on a recent day trip. Lots of doggies around now hitting jigs and bait. A few bass on eels off Cedar Beach and Democrat Point.

Bill at **Babylon Fishing Station** says a good item is blackfish at the Kismet Reef at high slack and outgoing on fiddlers, greenies or clam. Blues still outside with smaller fish in 40'-45' of water south of the tower, with weaks under them on diamond jigs. Big blues off Patchogue in 120' of water on diamond jigs and bait. Flounder fishing was off this weekend. Lots of blue claw crabs and eels at Bergen Point and pole 4. Also at the State Channel, Gilgo and Fox Creek. Doc Grell weighed in a 7½ lb. blackfish which he took at the Kismet Reef on a green crab.

SOUTH SHORE BAYS ★ BEST BET ★ FLOUNDER

SEAFORD

Pop's Fishing Station reports flounder still in the bay, but small with the largest flattie this week a 1½ lbers. taken west of the Wantagh Parkway on red-dyed clam and worms by John Duenges of Ridgewood, NY. Most angers are getting one keeper out of every four fish caught. Blacks plentiful around the 2nd and 3rd Wantagh bridge and although relatively small in size, they are large in number.

Uncle Hermie's Fishing Station asked us to let you know that he'll be closing up for the season on November 10 and Ted thanks all his customers for their business this year and looks forward to seeing them again in 1980.

Lon Wanser Bait and Tackle tells us flounder are plentiful but on the small side, with about 50 per cent being keepers. Massapequa Cove, Four Corners, 3rd Bridge, Zachs Bay and Squaw Island have been holding multitudes of small to medium flatties. Worms and mussel chum are about the best bet. Some blues and an occasional bass being trolled on umbrellas in the vicinity of Jones Inlet. Blacks at all the bridges on green crab or clam. An occasional bass being taken from the beach on bunker or eel.

MERRICK

Jimmy at **Nick's Fishing Station** says that although there are still lots of small flounder being caught, there are enough keeper sized fish to let you have some good eatin' when it's all over. Merrick Point, the golf course, the S-turn, Broad and Ned's Creek are all good bets, any running tide with worm and clam quite effective. Also a few blackfish at the Meadowbrook on fiddlers and green crab.

Scott at **Merrick Tackle** in Bellmore told us this morning that Steve Ross

fished Merrick Bay Saturday for a good catch of flounder which included 2 yellowtail flounder in the 2 lb. class on clam bait and clam chum. He also returned quite a few midgets to the water. Lots of blackfish at the Meadowbrook Bridge on clam and fiddlers, fish up to 4 lbs. Ray Stelz of the E. Bay Anglers zapped an 8 lb. 15 oz. black on a green crab at the Captree offshore reef. Big blues being umbrellaed at Cholera, red and black tubes being especially effective.

WEST END
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FREEPORT

Captain Al Lindroth of the **Captain Al** reports Saturday's bluefishing was tough, although the first fish of the day was an 18 lber. at Cholera. Al says Sunday's catch was tremendous, all fish in the 12-15 lb. range, known in the trade as "gaffers." Sunday's catch was all on bait and catches have generally been very good all week long. No dogs, says Al and he's very happy with the number of fish that the Cholera Banks are holding.

Captain Richie of the **Starstream II** tells us the bluefishing remains very good and he's been getting fish up to 17 lbs. on artificials on day trips. Diane Kleinman of Valley Stream who fishes regularly on the boat recently took the 15 lb. pool winner bluefish along with 2 full sacks of 8-15 lb. blues.

Captain Dan Polara of the charter boat **Nan Sea** called to report that on Saturday fishing from 2PM to 6PM, his charter for Rocky Melissa and Frank Sagarese of Wantagh decked 50 keeper flounder fishing the junction of Swift Creek and Hudson Canal, fish from 3/4 to 1¼ lbs. with only 6 midgets. Sunday's trip in very tough weather saw 2 medium size blues landed in 60' of water south of Lido on 300' of wire using Lupo bunker spoons. This fish came up spitting sand eels. Dan took his party back to the corner of Swift and Hudson , where they picked up 20 good flounder again from 3/4 to 1¼ lbs. on worms.

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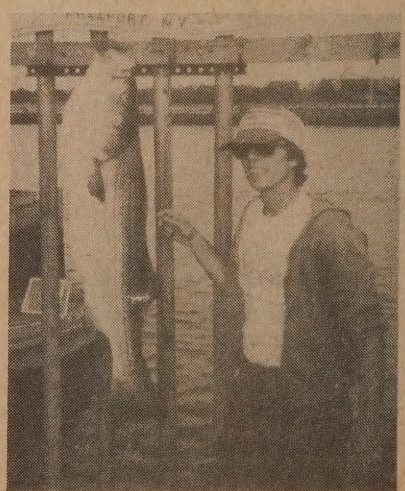

A live bunker fished at the Meadowbrook Bridge took this 39¼ lb. striper for Larry Hauser. Fish was weighed at Charvin Fishing Station.

This group from Liberty Enterprises landed a mess of giant blues, bonito, and albacore S.E. of Jones Inlet aboard the charterboat, "Shalidon."

Charter boat **Shalidon** reports that last Saturday's charter for Alan Bandler and wife Teri of Phoenix, Arizona hooked and landed a 100 lb. blue shark of which they are having a head mount done. They also had 6, 15 lb. class blues. Captain Arnold says he's now accepting 1980 Canyon overnighter reservations.

Captain Sy Karlin of the **Blue Fin II** tells us on Thursday, he had a charter of the Lynbrook public school 5th grade classes with 44 kids led by Bob Ottmann boating well over 100 flounder fishing local creeks. Clam and worm on the hook did the job. Sunday's trip on the BF II saw 75 flounder caught in just 2 hours, all good keeper fish. Captain Charlie Adams on the **BF** on Sunday, had over 200 blackfish anchored over an offshore wreck on green crab. Bill Metcalf had blacks up to 7 lbs. Angelo DiPiero bagged a 6½ lber. Steve and Jerry had 38 blackfish between them and Sy cays the action was very fast.

The **Capt. Bill** reports that flounder high hook Sunday was Jim Simondett of Oceanside with 25 keeper flatties. Bill says the fish are fatter this week, with some 3/4 to 1 lb., but most others a half pound. Some small kingfish being picked. Porgies just about all gone. A few blacks are also caught on each trip. Bill says he'll be staying with flounder on his half day trips until the whiting start; then he'll be running 2 half-day whiting trips daily.

The **Capt. Lou III** tells of excellent flounder fishing all week with the weekend being off a bit due to bad fishing conditions. On Thursday, six fares had 385 keeper flounder and Capt. Mike was back at the dock at 3PM. Local creeks were fished with worm and clam with both tides working. The flounder are getting a little bigger and more cold water will make the adult fish more aggressive. Gene Martin of Flushing had his rod snapped by a 1½ lb. flounder and in our considered opinion, there was a defect in the rod.

The **Miss Freeport II** reports very good flounder catches when weather and conditions cooperate, all in local creeks and channels with the fish getting larger daily. Sunday's pool winner was Kevin Scherman of Mineola with a 1¾ lb. flattie. Captain Tony says he will swing over to whiting as soon as they arrive.

Richie Mermon, Jr. at **Hook, Line and Sinker Bait and Tackle** reports blackfish being caught at the Meadowbrook bridge on green crabs or clam. Flounder catches have been great all over the bay on worms or mussel chum. Best areas have been Randall Bay, high flats drain, Swift and Long Creeks, all on the flats or in holes. Lots of throwbacks but fish are getting steadily larger daily. Blues from the JI buoy to Cholera on chromed jigs and banana splits. Blues are down deep at Cholera.

BALDWIN

Andy at **Arthur Street Fishing Station** reports that Bill Albrecht had flounder Saturday up to 2 lbs. at Scow Creek on worms and mussel chum on the flood. Also blacks at the Meadowbrook and Wantagh Bridges on fiddlers and fresh sand worms.

POINT LOOKOUT

We are happy to announce that the **Marie III** is again sailing from the Town of Hempstead marina at Pt. Lookout. The 38-passenger capacity charter boat is being run by Capt. Dennis Kenyuk. See ad for details.

Ed's Fishing Station reported lots of small flounder in the area, with a few bigger fish mixed in. Ed said that one out of four of the flatfish are keepers, but that this should improve with each passing day. Good blackfishing continues at all the bridges on fiddlers and green crabs, but that these fish too are on the small side.

ISLAND PARK

Captain Clem of the **Commodore** tells of a good flounder weekend with some fish coming in larger now. On Saturday, 15-20 flounder were in the 1-1½ lb. class. Catches now being made in shallow water. There are still plenty of throwbacks, but totals are between 30-50 keepers a man on Saturday and on Sunday, catches averaged roughly 30 a man. Clem has been working Reynolds Channel, both tides on worm and clam.

SHEEPSHEAD BAY

Charlie at **Mike's Tackle Shop** reports fishing in the "slue", the bluefish boats are taking good catches of big blues mainly on A-47s and 4 oz. Vikes. The "slue" is a couple of miles east of Klondike. The Jersey rocks have been producing good catches of blackfish for the boats pursuing them.

The open boat **Helen H** reported super! Super! bluefishing in a number of locations. Among them the Klondike, four miles south of the Klondike and at Manasquan Ridge. The fish, which run mostly in the 2-8 lb. range, are all being taken on jigs. Some weakfish are still mixed with the blues. The best fishing of the season is to be had now for the choppers. Crowds are light and we have been knocking the socks off of the blues, said the Captain.

The open boat **Dorothy B** reported he has been fishing Scotland Light, as well as some wrecks lying within a one-hour run of the dock. A lot of nice blackfish, averaging 3 lbs. coming over the rail, along with more and more ling each day. Baits have been clams, fiddlers, and green crabs.

This group of NYC firemen from Engine Co. 69 and Ladder Co. 28 loaded up on blues and weaks during recent trip aboard the charterboat "Kim." Anglers were Jim and George McGinnis, Conrad Tinny, Jerry Frisby and Bill Lazzara.

LONG BEACH

Long Beach Sports Marina reported that the flounder fishing continues good and that the fish are improving in size. Most productive spot has been off of the "Cement Block." Frank added that bluefish continue to be trolled from 30' of water on out. Many of these fish are 10-12 lbs.

LYNBROOK

Charlie at **Beckmann's Tackle Shop** said that the picture has changed little since the previous week. Flounder fishing continues good with some nice sized fish being taken in the back creeks. Blacks on fiddlers at all the bridges and continued good bluefish action offshore.

ATLANTIC BEACH

From **Henning's Station,** Sy Rubin reported a catch of four school bass taken on umbrella rigs at the Inlet on Sunday by a station regular. Sy also said that flounder fishing has been good off of the Cedarhurst Yacht Club and in the back bays, with the bigger flatfish being found in the latter location. Best bet for the flounder are worms. Blackfish continue to be taken at the bridges and big bluefish with a couple of weakfish mixed in for those trolling or jigging outside the inlet.

STATEN ISLAND

Lenny at **Santo's Sport Shop** reported that shore fishermen take flounders from inside Great Kills Harbor, and at the south Beach and Berger Avenue storm sewers. In addition to flounder, many big blueclaw crabs are being taken from Stapleton Piers Nos. 8, 12, and 17. Good blackfishing for boatmen at the Great Kills bug light, old Orchard light and on the wreck at West Bank light. School stripers from shorts on up to 10 lbs. being taken by worm trollers at Hoffman and Swinburn Islands. Lenny added that the most successful worm trollers find the mussel beds and give them a good working over.

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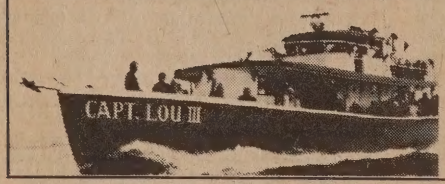

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GREENPORT

Captain George Porter of the **Brand X** called and told us his fares are annihilating the biggest kind of blackfish these last couple of weeks. Pool fish are going in the neighborhood of 10 lbs. every trip. There are lots of smaller fish BUT there's a good mixture of big ones as well. He's been fishing Little Gull Island and the north side of Plum Island with fiddlers and green crab.

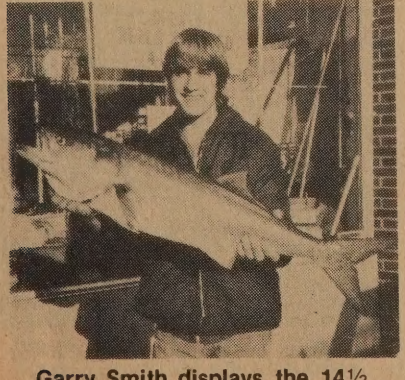
Art White of **A.P. White Bait Shop** told us that the open boat **Brand X** did a big job on the blackfish, fishing on the north side of Plum Island over the weekend. Average black runs 3-6 lbs., with some going to 9 lbs. Little Gull and Plum Island along with the Orient Light also produced blackfish. Along the Sound shore, some porgies are mixed with the tautogs and flounder fishing continues very good in the Orient Point area. Bass up to 35 lbs. taken on bucktails in the Gut this past week, and bluefish continue to be taken on jigs in Pigeon Rip and in the Gut. Those being taken in the Gut are the finest kind.

SOUTHOLD

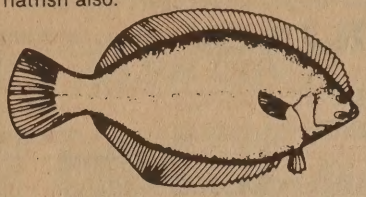
From the **Port of Egypt Fishing Station,** Ace told us that there was good blackfish action at the Orient Point and Mulford Point. Green crabs and fiddlers account for most of the blacks. Petty's Bight and the fish traps at Orient continue to produce some very fine flounder catches. Flatfish have been averaging 1 lb. with a good sprinkling of 2 lbers. mixed in. In the Bay, some blacks continue to be taken off of the Green lawns and at the Brickyard. Flounder off of Long Beach, the Oyster Factory and Pipe's Cove.

AQUEBOGUE

Most of the activity in the area centers around blackfish and flounder, said Warren of **Warren's Bait and Tackle.** He described the blackfishing in the Sound as good for those using fiddlers and greens, and said that some pretty fair flounder scores were being made in the Bay by worm fishermen. Clams take the flatfish also.



Garry Smith displays the 14½ lb. blue that he landed at Shoreham on a bunker chunk. Photo courtesy of Rocky Point Fishing Stop.



NORTH SHORE MID-ISLAND

★ BEST BET ★

MIXED BAG

ROCKY POINT

Stan of the **Rocky Point Fishing Stop** said that last week's wind and the weekend cold dampened the spirits of most boatmen in recent days. The several who ventured into the Sound, found good blackfishing off of Shoreham. Those who ventured east to Horton's Point, found bluefish up to 17 lbs. taking their diamond jigs.

MT. SINAI HBR.

At **Ralph's Fishing Station,** we learned of plenty of blues in the 2½ to 5 lb. class for trollers out in the Sound. Best bets are umbrella rigs or spoons. A lot of flounder in the harbor, said Ralph, but many must be returned to the water. Some big fish up to 2 lbs. mixed in however. Ralph added that blackfishing this past weekend was much improved over last week's slow action. Fiddlers, green crabs, sand worms, and clams will all take the blacks.

HUNTINGTON

Captain Ray Nigro of the charter boat **Eclipse** and his mad mate will be wrapping up their season with the November moon and they asked us to wish their many charters a hearty thanks for sailing with them this year. Ray says the bluefishing has been steadily good and looks forward to a good striped bass catch with the November moon. Ray says see you next year.

Ronnie Ferrara reported from his tackle emporium that bass fishing in the Eaton's Neck rips was very good on Sunday. He knew of several trollers who put away good scores of school-sized bass averaging 7-8 lbs. On Saturday, John Baker and Jeff DiMuria stopped by with 15 blues up to 18 lbs. and 2 bass taken on trolled umbrellas at Eaton's Neck. Ronnie also made note of the fact that good blackfishing continues off of Makamah, Buoy 11B, and at Eaton's Neck. Fiddlers and green crabs taking these fish with the bigger fish showing a preference for the green crabs. Lots of small flounder being taken in the harbor on worms and clams.

Joe and Frank Franze, along with Rich Fiorucci, landed these big blues of 13, 15, 18½, and 18¼ lbs. on bunker chunks in Huntington Harbor. Photo courtesy of Ronnie's Bait and Tackle.

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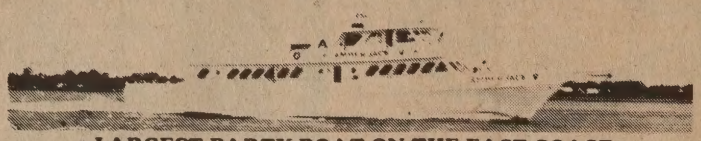

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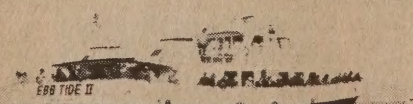

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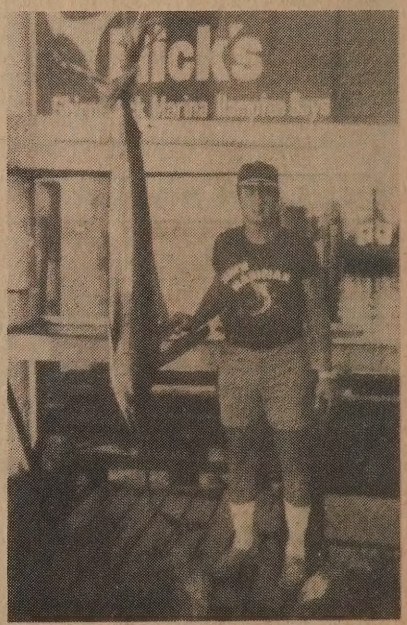

This 58 lb. marlin and pair of yellowfin tuna weighing 60 and 80 lbs. were landed at the Hudson Canyon by Harold Smith aboard his boat, Fish N Magician. Subscriber photo.

North Shore West End

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BLACKFISH

GLEN COVE

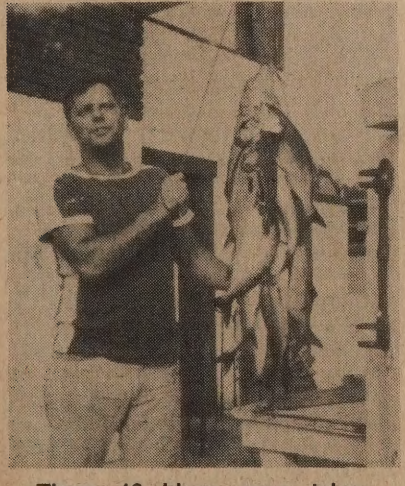
Captain Joe on the **Lady Lil II** called to say blackfishing remains good in both shallow and deep water spots with depths of 6-50' still producing. For the smaller blacks, use fiddlers and if you want giants, use green crab. The pool fish usually run about 7 lbs. Captain Joe says starting this weekend, he will be sailing only Saturdays and Sundays for the balance of the season.

COLD SPRING Hbr.

From **Salty's Bait and Tackle** we learned of continued good blackfishing on fiddlers and green crabs around all the local rock piles. Tom called the flounder fishing in Oyster Bay and in the harbor as improved over recent weeks. A few big blues remain in the harbor for those using whole or chunked bunker and buoy 15 continues to produce fish on diamond jigs.

CITY ISLAND

Jack at **Jack's Bait and Tackle** called the blackfishing very good. He mentioned the CBS Tower, Execution Light and Stepping Stone Light as several productive tautog spots. Lots of flounder around, but still on the small side and some bluefish continue to be taken at Execution on bunker.



These 16 blues were taken casting near Sunken Meadow by Charlie Matson. Photo courtesy of O.K. Bait Shop.

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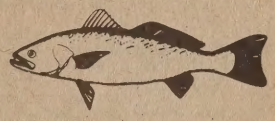

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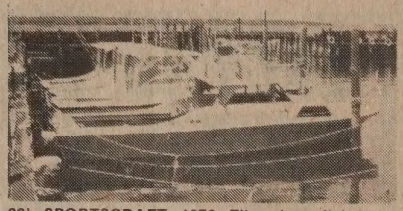

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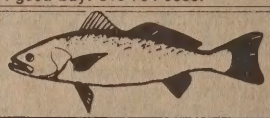

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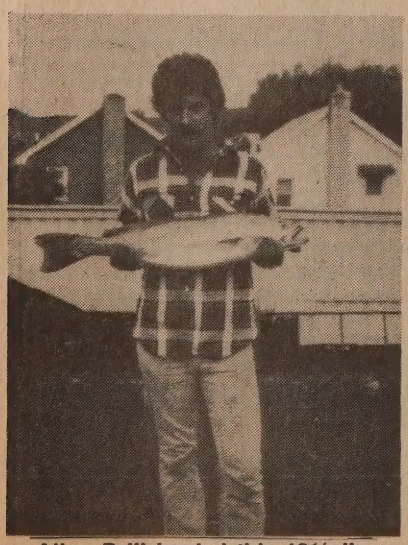
SURF REPORT
with Fred Golofaro

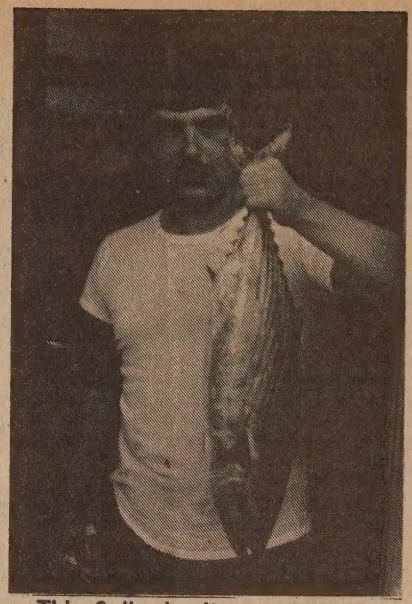
Action around most of the Island's beaches over this past week has been almost non-existent with very few exceptions. Best bets would seem to be the school bass action that has been continuous through most of the season in the City Island area. Also this past week, a good showing of school bass on sand worms on Staten Island. For most of last week, North Shore beaches to the east appear to have provided the most consistent fishing for bass and blues. While Montauk has been, in the words of many, "dead," there is some reason for encouragement. As we were going to press Monday morning, a number of reports came into the office at the last minute of some wild bass fishing being enjoyed by boatmen. Apparently, a huge body of stripers in the 20 lb. and up range moved into the area Monday AM. The fish were spread over a wide area and all of the boats out were in on the action. Casters should know by the time they read this whether the fish had put in an appearance in the suds. This is the way reports from last week shaped up and if you found pickings pretty tough, you are not alone. I personally managed to take the collar on six consecutive outings. Ouch!

SOUTH SHORE: EAST

I called Johnny Kronuch up for a second time to try and get an update on any Monday morning action. He, too, had heard about the blitz boatmen were enjoying, but knew of no surf action. All things considered, John described things as very, very slow. A few small blues at Ditch Plains, but the main body of fish have been staying well off the beach. Two bass that John did weigh in this past week included a 28½ lber. taken up front by Bill Nowicki of Astoria, and a 27½ lber. by Vinnie Balcuns of Montauk. Vinnie's fish came from the south side near Gurney's.



Allen Brill landed this 13½ lb. weakfish in Jamaica Bay on a strip of bunker. Subscriber photo.



This 9 lb. bonito was a pool winner on a recent trip for James Collette of Glendale.

In the Shinnecock area, surf news was also hard to come by. Thom at Speck's Bait and Tackle did weigh up a 22 lb. bass for Rita Antilety on Sunday. The fish was taken in the morning on a Rebel swimmer at the Inlet. All the other news Thom had was of a few small bass taken during the week around the inlet on small swimming plugs.

Field #3 Robert Moses, which had been the scene of some bluefish action last Saturday, has been almost void of fish for nearly a week. Some hope may be found in the report of some blitz fishing enjoyed along Fire Island community beaches late last week. This action involved both bass and blues and the fishing was being done with popping plugs.

SOUTH SHORE: WEST END

Hays from **The Store** at Oak Beach reported the surf dead from Cedar west to Tobay. He said he did not weigh nor hear of any fish taken in recent days fro this stretch. Moving west, Charlie Beckmann told me from his Lynbrook shop, that after a little flurry of activity last week, all was quiet on the surf front.

The only news that Sy Rubin could offer from his Atlantic Beach Fishing Station was that one customer had taken some short stripers from the Atlantic Beach jetty on small Rebels.

It was left for Lenny of Santo's Sport Shop to pass along some good news. As previously mentioned at the beginning of this report, some steady action with school bass has been occurring for the past several days and nights. The stripers have been averaging 3-4 lbs., but go from shorts on up to 10 lbs. Sand worms are taking all of the fish, with the best action occurring during the latter part of incoming water. Best fishing has been occurring at Penney's Beach, Cliff Street, and Fort Wadsworth area. The Sharrot Avenue shore has also been producing some fish. To show what is possible, Lenny and a companion landed 13 school stripers using the prescribed sand worm bait Sunday PM. No reports on blues or weaks in the area.

NORTH SHORE: WEST

From his City Island tackle shop, Jack filed the same continuing report of lots of school bass up to 5 and 6 lbs. being taken in Turtle Cove and at Orchard Beach. Rebels, small bucktails and worms have been taking the fish right along.

Ronnie Ferrara described fishing in the Huntington area surf as slow and quiet. He had heard of a couple of school bass and blues picked up, but no steady action anywhere in the area.

NORTH SHORE: EAST END

From his Mt. Sinai Fishing Station, Ralph knew that casters have been taking lots of small bass on tins and small swimming plugs from several locations. Among them Cedar Beach, Landing Road and Hagerman's Landing. Fish have been averaging 2-4 lbs. Bait fishermen take an occasional big blue from the same areas.

Stan of the **Rocky Point Fishing Stop** reported that last week's northwest winds really stirred up the bluefish from Hagerman's Landing east to the Shoreham Yacht Club. From Monday to Friday, blues in the 2-15 lb. class took surface plugs between sunrise and sunset. Over the weekend, the winds having died out, the fishing also fizzled. Stan did know of some bass and blues taken at Miller Place to the west, Sunday AM.

I got word from Warren's Tackle Shop in Aquebogue that blues and school bass have been scattered along area beaches. The bass seem to prefer swimming plugs like the Redfins, Rebels, and Jr. Atoms; while the bluefish have shown a preference for bait.

Both Art White and Ace Lieblen knew of some pretty fair bluefish action at Kenney's Beach and Horton's Point lately. Some school bass are mixed with the choppers. Tin, small swimming plugs and chunk bait have been providing most of the action. Some of the choppers have gone to 14 lbs.

CAPE REPORT

From what we could gather here in this corner, bass action on the Cape continued on the quiet side. Some of the locals in the area even feel that the fishing is finished for the year.

James, Kevin and Chris Burns along with Damion Mescal made this catch of 17 fiuke and one weak aboard the boat Sail Cat. Subscriber photo.

HIGH TIDE TABLES

DAY	SANDY HOOK AM	SANDY HOOK PM	Breakwater Harbor AM	Breakwater Harbor PM	NEW YORK AM	NEW YORK PM	NEW LONDON AM	NEW LONDON PM	WILLETS POINT AM	WILLETS POINT PM	BRIDGE-PORT AM	BRIDGE-PORT PM	NEW-PORT AM	NEW-PORT PM	DATE
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FRI.	5:50	6:13	6:32	6:55	6:26	6:48	7:14	7:44	9:32	10:04	9:06	9:35	5:38	6:02	11/2
SAT.	6:38	7:02	7:21	7:45	7:15	7:38	8:03	8:35	10:20	10:55	9:56	10:26	6:28	6:51	11/3
SUN.	7:24	7:49	8:10	8:33	8:02	8:26	8:50	9:22	11:06	11:43	10:45	11:16	7:15	7:39	11/4
MON.	8:09	8:35	8:58	9:22	8:49	9:15	9:38	10:11	11:52	–	11:33	–	8:02	8:26	11/5
TUE.	8:53	9:21	9:45	10:10	9:38	10:08	10:25	11:02	12:30	12:37	12:04	12:21	8:49	9:15	11/6
WED.	9:39	10:11	10:33	11:00	10:27	11:01	11:15	11:52	1:19	1:24	12:54	1:09	9:38	10:03	11/7
THUR.	10:29	11:03	11:23	11:53	11:20	11:55	–	12:04	2:11	2:11	1:42	2:00	10:28	10:54	11/8

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To compute the high tide for the area you wish to fish, simply find the closest area on the conversion tables. Add or subtract the hours and minutes as indicated from that areas station above. Example: Shinnecock Inlet "—0 50" is listed under "On SANDY HOOK". "—0 50" means you subtract 50 minutes from the times given for the SANDY HOOK STATION for the day you are going fishing. This is the approximate time for the high tide in the area. For low tide, add 6 hours to this figure.

On SANDY HOOK

STATEN ISLAND	+ 0 27
ATLANTIC HIGHLANDS	—0 01
Red Bank, Navesink R.I.	+ 0 48
Long Branch	—0 34
SHARK RIVER INLET	—0 18
Shark River Basin	+ 0 27
MANASQUAN INLET	—0 12
Seaside Park	—0 33
Mantoloking Bridge	+ 5 34
TOMS RIVER	+ 4 37
Waretown	+ 2 33
BARNEGAT LIGHT	—0 20
Manahawkin Bridge	+ 2 33
Beach Haven	+ 1 47
LITTLE EGG INLET	—0 01
Seven Islands	+ 0 12
Graveling Point	+ 1 05
Mullica River	+ 1 55
Grassy Bay	+ 1 08
ABSECON INLET	+ 0 14
Atlantic City Pier	—0 26
Gt. Egg Harbor Inlet	+ 0 12
GREAT EGG HARBOR	+ 0 46
CORSON INLET	+ 0 09
TOWNESEND INLET	+ 0 06
HEREFORD INLET	+ 0 02
Grassy Sound Bridge	+ 0 45
Cape May Harbor	—0 02
Rehoboth Beach	—0 07
INDIAN RIVER INLET	+ 0 14
SHINNECOCK INLET	—0 50
Shinnecock Bay	+ 1 25
East Quogue	+ 2 45
Shinnecock Canal	+ 1 18
Indian Reservation	+ 3 05
MORICHES INLET	—0 56
Smith's Point	+ 3 28
Harts Cove	+ 1 30
Potunck Point	+ 3 35
Mastic Beach	+ 3 28
FIRE ISLAND INLET	—0 38
Democrat Point	—0 38
Coast Guard Station	—0 19
Fire Island Light	+ 0 47
GREAT SOUTH BAY	
Sayville	+ 3 39
Heckscher State Pk.	+ 3 20
Bay Shore	+ 2 23
Babylon	+ 2 12
Amityville	+ 2 21
JONES INLET	—0 19
Zachs Bay	+ 1 25
Seaford Harbor	+ 2 05
Freeport Creek	+ 0 34
E. ROCKAWAY INLET	—0 06
Long Beach Bridge	+ 0 19
ROCKAWAY INLET	—0 00
Beach Ch. Bridge	+ 0 38
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On BRIDGEPORT

Lloyd Point	+ 0 08
Cold Spring Harbor	+ 0 08
Bayville Bridge	+ 0 13
Eatons Neck Point	+ 0 03
Northport Bay	+ 0 03
Norwalk Islands	+ 0 10
Smithtown Bay	—0 03
Cranes Neck Point	+ 0 05
Port Jefferson Harbor	+ 0 03
New Haven Harbor	+ 0 08
Mount Sinai Harbor	—0 08
Herod Point	—0 07
Mattituck Inlet	+ 0 19
Horton Point	—0 20
Truman Beach	—0 42
Falkner Island	—0 13
Sachem Head	—0 10
Branford Harbor	—0 07
New Haven Harbor	—0 08
Milford Harbor	—0 07
Stratford	+ 0 27
Shelton	+ 1 36
Black Rock Harbor	—0 03
Saugatuck River	—0 01
South Norwalk	+ 0 10
Greens Ledge	—0 01
Stamford	+ 0 04
Cos Cob Harbor	+ 0 06
Greenwich	+ 0 02

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Orient Point	+ 0 27
Little Gull Is. (Race)	+ 0 12
Greenport	+ 1 04
Southold	+ 1 43
New Suffolk	+ 2 26
South Jamesport	+ 2 32
Shinnecock Canal	+ 2 33
Noyack Bay	+ 2 05
Sag Harbor	+ 0 59
Gardiners Bay	+ 0 21
Promised Land	—0 14
Montauk Inlet	—0 25
Montauk Point	—1 13
Niantic	+ 1 20
Stonington	—0 33
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Saybrook jetty	+ 1 10
Lyme	+ 1 24
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East Haddam	+ 2 41
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Little Neck Bay	—0 10
Execution Light	—0 06
Manhasset Bay	—0 01
Hempstead Harbor	—0 11
City Island	—0 03
Rye Beach	—0 28
Port Chester	—0 09
Mamaroneck	—0 08
New Rochelle	—0 24
Davids Island	—0 02

On B'WATER HB.

CAPE MAY POINT	—0 10
Miami Beach	+ 1 17
East Point	+ 0 53
Egg Island Point	+ 0 33
Cape Henlopen	—0 05
ROOSEVELT INLET	+ 0 09
Mispillion River Ent.	+ 0 33
St. Jones River Ent.	+ 0 57

On NEW YORK

Jersey City	+ 0 07
Geo. Washington Br.	+ 0 46
Spuyten Duyvil	+ 0 58
Ossining	+ 1 53
Peekskill	+ 2 24
West Point	+ 3 16
Newburg	+ 3 42

On NEWPORT

Sakonnet	—0 10
Tiverton	+ 0 21
Beavertail Point	—0 02
Prudence Is., Sandy Pt.	+ 0 10
Bristol	+ 0 10
Warren	+ 0 21
Nayatt Point	+ 0 12
Pawtucket	+ 0 21
East Greenwich	+ 0 16
Wickford	+ 0 12
Narragansett Pier	—0 08
Point Judith Harbor	—0 07
BLOCK ISLAND	
Great Salt Pond	+ 0 05
Old Harbor	—0 14
Watch Hill Point	+ 0 44

SUNRISE/SUNSET

11/2	6:33	4:53
11/7	6:40	4:47
11/12	6:46	4:42
11/17	6:52	4:38
11/22	6:58	4:34
11/27	7:04	4:31

PHASES OF THE MOON

NEW	1st Qtr	FULL	2nd Qtr
11/19	11/26	11/4	11/11

The Original Knight
SOLUNAR TABLES
When To Fish Or Hunt

The schedule of solunar periods for the following week as printed below has been taken from the original Knight Solunar Tables. Plan your day so that you will be fishing good areas during these times when the fish should be most active. The tables are not a guarantee you will catch fish, however.

The major periods begin at the time shown and last for an hour-and-a-half or two hours thereafter, and are in the bold type face. The minor periods are shorter in duration and lighter type.

	AM Minor	AM Major	PM Minor	PM Major
Thurs.	1:25	**8:05**	2:00	**8:30**
Fri.	2:15	**8:55**	2:45	**9:20**
Sat.	3:05	**9:40**	3:35	**10:10**
Sun.	3:50	**10:35**	4:25	**11:00**
Mon.	4:45	**11:30**	5:15	**11:55**
Tues.	5:40	—	6:10	**12:30**
Wed.	6:45	**1:00**	7:10	**1:30**
Thurs.	7:45	**2:00**	8:10	**2:25**

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